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Prayers We Seldom Hear

The Prayer of One Who Did Not Give

O Christ of Calvary, they took a missionary collection at our church this morning, and I did not give a cent. I tried to assure myself that I had given my share, already. But that was not true. I have hidden behind that pretext too long. I said I did not believe in missions, but now I know that, except for missionaries, I would never have known of Thee. I told myself that I did not like the way the preacher was taking the collection, but that did not excuse me for giving nothing whatever. I thought they would raise the quota without anything from me, but I had no joy in the victory for I had not helped to win it. I argued that I could not afford to give, but I will spend this week, on luxury and entertainment, more than enough to have made a good subscription. O Christ of the suffering heart, I have thrust another sword into Thy bleeding heart. Forgive me, I pray, and I will still make my pledge. Amen.

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Wallet of the Week

THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS in the Philippine Islands has been little less than amazing since the day that America took over the direction of the affairs of the Islands. In 1898, when the Philippine Commonwealth was set up, Constitutional Government and the American system of secondary public schools were established. In 1909, according to a report of the Bureau of Education, the corps of teachers in the secondary schools was ninety-eight per cent Americans. In 1935, of the total teaching force in the secondary schools, ninety-four per cent were Filipinos.

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FOOL'S GOLD is the very suggestive title of a sixty-four page booklet on gambling, by Deets Pickett, issued by the Methodist Book Concern. It is said to set out the fact that gambling organizations employ half a million people, and their operations involve an expenditure of more than six billion dollars. The book is said to be almost alone in that field of literature. It treats of the social as well as the economic consequences of gambling, and the church as well as the personal problem.

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THE UNION COMMITTEE OF SOUTH AFRICA appears to be promoting union on a large scale. Dr. T. Albert Moore, chairman, says that 78.4 per cent of the officials of the Methodist Church in South Africa are in favor of the principle of union with the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches. The Union Committee has recommended the cultivation of a spirit of unity and friendly co-operation for the promotion of the union idea, and as a preparation for an endeavor to realize the ideal of union. The Committee does not know how the difficulties to union are to be overcame, but it is going forward in its preparation of the people for such a venture.

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A MISSIONARY TO JAPAN, recently returned from his furlough spent in America, wrote back home: "I have come back to Japan with the very strong conviction that ministers serving the Church at home and abroad need to understand each other and each other's problems more fully than they have in the past. In some respects I felt somewhat of a stranger in the Church at home and I felt that our problems and situations in the foreign field were not very well known to you." May it not be that the political tenseness now prevailing has had an unfortunate influence upon our interpretation of mission problems?

THE SOCIETY OF NEIGHBORHOOD INDIANS is the name of a social organization which includes about two hundred Indians who live around Philadelphia, Penn. The aims of the organization are mainly social, but it undertakes to protect Indian interests when occasion requires. Eligibility depends upon the possession of Indian blood, and many occupations are included in its membership. In the roster of officers recently elected, the following tribes of Indians are represented: Utes, Oneidas, Senecas, Mohawks, Apaches, Sioux, and Cherokees.

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LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, which receive annual grants from the Federal Government, are said to number sixty-nine. Seventeen of these are Negro institutions. The Universities of California, Minnesota, Illinois, and Ohio State University led all other land-grant institutions in the enrollment for residence work in the session of 1935-36. The figures are as follows: California, 22,779; Minnesota, 15,328; Ohio State 12,496; and Illinois, 12,254. This makes a total of 62,857 in residence at the four institutions.

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WEEKLY BROACASTS OF RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS over national hook-ups, according to the Living Church, are more than forty. The listing does not include a vast number of programs locally sponsored, nor does it include national hook-ups broadcast at irregular intervals. There are fourteen Protestant programs, sixteen Jewish, and ten Catholic. Thirteen of the services broadcast by Protestants are supervised by the Federal Council of Churches and include such nationally known speakers as Doctors Fosdick and Sockman.

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THE FAIR TRADE PRACTICE LAW of Illinois was the basis of a suit decided by the Supreme Court of the United States on December 7, according to Information Service of the Federal Council. The case was between an Illinois distributing company and a well-known distillers corporation. The Court is reported to have upheld the contention of the complainants that the producer, through the "ownership of the goodwill" retains interest in trademarked goods even after the commodity has been parted with. Does such "goodwill" right apply to red noses, ragged children, broken-hearted wives, wrecked homes and fortunes, and the thousands slain upon the public highways?

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EDITORIAL

RANGE FINDING

In the battles of the World War, it was the practice of the artillerymen to determine the range of their guns by aiming at the steeples of the great churches which happened to be in the army's line of march. As a result of that ruthless desecration, some of the age-old monuments of human devotion were shattered by the rain of shot and shell. That practice was, however, less original than the war correspondent imagined it to be, for there has long been a class whose ministerial range has been definitely related to "high steeples;" and many lordly towers have fallen under the deadly accuracy of their aim. To be sure, no one would be worthy who failed to aspire to make the fullest and the noblest use of every gift which he might possess. The tower of the great church will, therefore, naturally fall in the line of march of any worthy man. But to use the steeple as a mere range-finder, to make the great church an objective, would defeat every holy implication of redeemed personality. The very process and purpose places the objective above the nobler aspiration of serving mankind with all that one has. A ministry which can find satisfaction in a narrower field betrays the cause of Christ. The worthy ministry gets its range, not from the tower which reaches toward the sky, but from the towering words of Jesus: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness." It seeks to fulfill the purpose of the Kingdom of God on earth, with the assurance that all honor, all fruitfulness and all satisfactions lie within the compass of that objective, "all these things shall be added unto you." Such a course needs no apology, it draws the fire of no censorious critic and it awakens no unholy antagonisms. It seeks only to discover through a life the limit of its possibility for doing the will of God. It is not easy to watch the gunner who trains upon the church tower with never a thought of the far horizon of God's purpose, and still keep to the nobler course, but it will win in the end.

WAR MAKERS vs. WAR CREATORS

It was Victor Hugo who said: "The greatest warrior of modern times is not Napoleon, it is Pitt. Napoleon carried on warfare; Pitt created it." He then charged to Pitt all the wars of England during the days of Pitt's political ascendency, and the wars following the death of the great Prime Minister he described as the legacy of his militant soul. We recall these words of Hugo in connection with a luncheon which Free Church ministers gave recently at City Temple, London, in honor of the Emperor of Abyssinia. In the course of the speech-making, Mr. Bagnall, the Secretary of the Free Church Federation of London, stated that "Free Churchmen burned with indignation that such an invasion as Italy had perpetrated should be possible." Dr. S. W. Hughes was reported as saying that "Rome should be made to understand that the people of God would not be out-matched by brute force," and he declared that the dominant Church of Italy had one code of morals for Ethiopia and another for Spain. We have no condoning word for the course of the Italian government in the war with Abyssinia, but no one should lose sight of the inflaming effect of intemperate speech. It is one thing to sign petitions renouncing war, but it is more important that we renounce war in the attitudes of our hearts and in the temper of our speaking. It is one thing to attack instruments for the prosecution of war—battleships, aircraft, arms and munitions, but a more effective and commendable course is to curb the thought, the purposes and the passions out of which war is created. One does not need to be a Prime Minister, a Secretary of War, or a National Ruler to be a creator of war. Within the limits of his influence every citizen contributes to a war spirit and ultimately to the atrocities of the act of war by intemperate speech and action. The first great step toward world peace must be the disarmament of human thinking and human speaking.

OUR NEW FORM

With this issue we present the arrangement of material which we have previously outlined in these columns, but the period following the holidays affords little in the way of news for making an impressive paper no matter what its form. The most important fact, therefore, is the arrangement—not what the issue contains. It has not been possible to perfect an organization and secure a complete news coverage of the Conferences, and it may be that some incidents have been mentioned whose importance may not seem to justify their inclusion. All these faults will remedy themselves and in a little while we expect to be able to give from week to week an interesting and informing summary of events in the three Conferences. The page devoted to the Christian fireside is designed to furnish a miscellany of bright and breezy matter which may be of interest to the entire family circle. We urge our friends to send us such material which is not copyrighted. Particularly do we desire incidents relating to children, your own or others. True stories will be welcomed. Tell us where material comes from and give us your name. We can give credit in any manner, but we must know who sends the material and where it was secured. The main thing is to get all important news to us, and send us your story. A reporter will probably be named for your District. Help us to make the paper interesting and helpful for everybody.

A NEW DAY IN MISSIONS

By the time this issue of the Christian Advocate reaches our readers, the missionary forces now gathering in the Crescent City will be turning homeward, and the 1937 session of the Missionary Council will have passed into history. If, as was the case thirty-five years ago, it may result in a quickening of missionary interest throughout the Church, it will mean the development of an enthusiasm throughout the length and breadth of our Methodism which will go far toward retrieving the fortune of our missionary enterprise throughout the world. After these days of inspirational addresses and holy communion, many will turn homeward with a burning heart, and they will not be content to suffer longer the starveling support which has brought ruin to our mission cause. As the heralds of the new missionary crusade move across the country, we confidently expect that they will be heartened by a response greater than has been made for at least a decade past. Surely we have come to the time when the economic upturn of the country must register in a revival of missionary loyalty, or, like the hoarded manna, our very recovery will be corrupted in our hands and it will be robbed of its deepest meaning. Let us carry the story of a new day in missions throughout the length and breadth of our Church until it shall echo and re-echo in every city, hamlet, and countryside. Let us make the whole world conscious of a new day-break in the missionary zeal and enthusiasm of Southern Methodism.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

GOOD—BUT GONE!

We bought a new pair of boots today. They are good, too—genuine horsehide, well-made, light, soft, waterproof. After they have been "broken in," they will be comfortable. Unfortunately, we ourselves have to conduct the "breaking in" process. Having some sympathy for the boots and fearing that they have been somewhat distressed during the day by the unaccustomed pressure on the inside of their ample proportions, we have gently withdrawn our pedal extremities from their interiors and, at the present writing, are sitting—rather, we should say, the boots are comfortably resting near-by.

We had a pretty good pair of boots last year—but they are worn-out. We hated to give them up. They knew us and we knew them. They had adjusted themselves perfectly to certain angularities of our nether anatomy; they had journeyed uncomplainingly with us through mud and mire, along lake banks, over ploughed ground, through briars and brambles, even through the snow and slush of winter—and we never heard a creak from them. They were tried and true friends, and we trusted them. They were good, and we treasure their memory. But they, having served their day and generation well, are gone. We shall not forget them—but we shall not use them any more.

But these new boots! As good as the old ones were, and as much as we loved them, we believe the new ones will serve us even better. They are made of better material; they embody improved methods of manufacture; they are better looking—more stylish! We do not know them very well as yet, but we intend to cultivate their acquaintance through intimate association. We have confidence in them, and we shall not hesitate to put them to the test. When the going is roughest, we believe they will stay with us. And in return for the service we expect them to render, we will treat them as well as we know how to treat boots—clean the mud off them, not put them too close to the fire, keep them properly oiled—and, occasionally, shine them up! If we expect our boots to do the best they can for us, we will do the best we can for them.

The old year was a good one—but it is gone! We confidently expect the new year to be even better than the old one was.

News and Views

METHODIST PROGRESS IN JAPAN

The Japan Mission took the center of the stage briefly this winter during the months it celebrated fifty years of achievement in the land of the Rising Sun. Though in the score or more large and small anniversary meetings there was not one missionary present who was on the scene at the time of the establishment of the Mission, yet there was one Japanese still living whose efforts antedate the establishment of the Mission and many others who came unto the scene during the first few years. Among the missionaries at present on the field who arrived soon after the Mission was organized were Dr. S. H. Wainwright, who came in 1888, after the Mission was two years old; Rev. W. E. Towson, who came in 1890, and Dr. S. E. Hager, who came in 1893.

The history of the Japan Mission, like almost everything in Japan, has its roots in China. It is said that the Methodist Episcopal Mission was organized by a missionary who had been sent to China but was prevented from reaching there because his wife was sea-sick all the way across the Pacific, and when she reached Yokohama she refused to go farther, so he began work in Japan. For many years the Lambuths, Dr. J. W. and W. R., later to become Bishop Lambuth, served in China as regular missionaries under the Southern Methodist Board of Missions. Other missions had come to Japan and he wrote to the Board and offered to come if he was needed. During the time this correspondence was being carried on a young man, a graduate of the Methodist Episcopal College in Tokyo, known as Aoyama Gakuin, decided to go to China to accept a position in a branch of a bank of Japan. Before leaving, Mrs. Bishop, the wife of a retired missionary professor of Aoyama, and now living in Tokyo, gave a letter of introduction to this young man addressed to Dr. Lambuth. The note seemingly was forgotten until the young man, Mr. Suzuki, gave up his position and became in need of a friend. At this time he called upon the Lambuths and was very much surprised to discover they were interested in coming to Japan. At once an arrangement was made for Mrs. Lambuth to teach English to Mr. Suzuki and Dr. Lambuth to study Japanese with his aid. This continued several months until the Lambuths were sent by the Board to open work in Japan. The decision to open work in Japan was made by the Board on May 6, 1885, and April 20, 1886, Bishop H. N. McTyeire appointed Dr. J. W. Lambuth, Dr. W. R. Lambuth and Dr. O. A. Dukes, all of the China Mission, to go to Japan and open the new Mission there. The first meeting of the Mission was held September 17, 1886, in Kobe, with Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding.

Mr. Suzuki returned to Japan with the Lambuths and served as teacher and interpreter and finally decided to become a Christian, and on October 2, 1886, was baptised and became the first Christian convert of the new Mission. Mr. Suzuki was present at the central celebration in Kobe, held in November, and there in his own words told the story of his first contacts with the Lambuths and of his later work with them.

One other person prominent in the celebration was Rev. T. Sunamoto. About sixty years ago he was a sea pilot, running between Hokkaido, one of the northern islands, and Osaka. He watched for a long time the transpacific ships as they came in and his desire to travel around the world grew until finally he accepted a place on a ship which was to take him on this long-desired journey. By the time he reached San Francisco some difficulty developed between Sunamoto and one of the mates, so he left the ship there. When hungry and without work he was taken to the Japanese Mission there and a few months later was converted to Christianity. All during his stay in America he wrote his mother about his new faith. She was living in Hiroshima. Finally his mother asked that he come back and tell her of his new faith. This he did, meeting the Lambuths in Kobe in 1886. The following year a meeting was held in Hiroshima and Sunsamoto's mother became one of the inquirers. Dr. W. R. Lambuth and his wife came to Hiroshima to live that year and a few months later Miss Nannie Gaines came to take charge of the new school for girls which had been begun by Dr. Lambuth and Rev. Sunamoto. The story of Miss Gaines' life and work is well known and has been recently described in detail in the book, "Gaines Sensei," ably written by Dr. S. M. Hilburn.

In 1888 Dr. Wainwright arrived in Japan with his wife. After a few weeks' stay in Kobe they took a boat for Oita, where they were to teach in a government school. The decision to come to Japan had been made rather suddenly. Dr. Wainwright was a medical doctor and had begun his practice when he decided to enter foreign missions as a life work. He was attending his sick father when almost by accident he read of the call for a teacher for Oita, Japan. Out of sympathy, in view of this wonderful opportunity for Christian work he considered giving himself for this work. A few weeks later he became the first layman the Board of Missions had appointed as a regular missionary. His first two years in Oita proved most glorious ones for the future of the young Mission. Among the young men converted during these two years were T. Kugimiya, ta present Bishop of the Japan Methodist Church, and Mr. Kurushima, Japan's most famous story teller. Also there were three young men later to become pastors in the new Church. Of these men four of them still remain active. Dr. Wainwright's presence at several of the celebrations brought great inspiration to these meetings. He, along with his Japanese converts at Oita, is active, serving as the manager of the Christian Literature Society of Japan, which was in its present form founded under his leadership and at present is housed in one of Tokyo's most beautiful office buildings.

There is not space to tell the origin of each station and institution which is now operating after fifty years. But it is significant to have called to our attention the fact that today there is in Japan an autonomous Church with a combined membership of over eleven thousand who contributed over a half million yen for all purposes last year. There are also one of Japan's largest universities for men, and an institution for women enrolling over eight hundred in all departments. Besides these, it operates three night schools, enrolling over a thousand students who are each night given a chance to hear about the Christian faith. Besides these, there are two professional schools, one of which trains Bible women and kindergarten teachers, and the other trains young women for business professions. The Mission has now thirty-one kindergartens in which there are daily over twelve hundred children. In the Mission there are sixty-one missionaries, counting wives, who are on the active list. It might well be added that figures by no means tell the whole story in Japan. It is generally known that Christianity exerts a larger influence upon the lives

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. C. B. Powell writes that he has been cordially received by the people of Melville. He found the parsonage in readiness and supper prepared.

Rev. R. V. Fulton, pastor at Springfield, sends the Advocate as a Christmas present to his daughter, the renewal of his pledge of loyalty to the paper and the greetings of the season to the editor.

Rev. G. W. Pomeroy has had a cordial reception at Crowley, and plans point to a good year. The presiding elder says that the assessment for pastoral support will be increased.

Mr. P. L. Lawrence, of Crowley, who had an illness of several weeks' duration just before Conference, is now recovered and is looking forward to a spiritual awakening in his church this year.

Miss Irene Shute writes that she enjoys reading the Advocate and that she looks forward to its coming. After she has finished reading it she passes it on to others.

At the meeting of the District Stewards of the Shreveport District, it was decided that some needed repairs should be made on the District parsonage, and the work was begun at once.

By authorization of Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, Rev. P. W. Sibley is changed from Gonzales to Walker charge, and Rev. Donald George will supply Gonzales charge.

Rev. Minns Robertson has made a splendid beginning at Angie, the people are responding to his leadership, and the outlook for a successful year is good.

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Sheppard announce the arrival of "Joseph Sheppard" on December 19, at the sanitorium in Ruston. His weight is given as "7 lbs, 13 oz.—8 lbs." His address is Hackberry, La.

Mrs. Sweeney, widow of Rev. F. N. Sweeney who died a few days ago, says that her home will be at Mt. Hermon, La., instead of Franklinton. She desires to continue her subscription to the Advocate.

Rev. C. K. Smith, of Tallulah, was elected reporter for the Monroe District, and each church was requested to select a reporter to co-operate with him in getting the news for the Advocate.

Denham Springs has made Rev. R. L. Clayton and his family welcome, and the charge has settled down to the plans of work for the year. Progress was made last year and it is expected that the same will continue through 1937.

Rev. J. W. Booth, who is not a stranger to Baton Rouge District, has received a joyous welcome at Franklinton. The parsonage has been made more comfortable and there are rumors that a new parsonage may be built during the year.

Rev. W. W. Perry, Elizabeth, has been cordially received by his people and is pleasantly circumstanced. He is already at his task in dead earnest and we expect him to have a good report at the end of the year.

In co-operation with the presiding elder, Mr. S. H. Porter, Lay Leader, has secured Mr. G. L. Morelock for a Stewards' Institute to be held at Crowley, Jan. 24 to 26. All pastors and church workers in this section are urged to attend.

Rev. J. E. Selfe, who was assigned to Rayne, La., at the last session of the Conference, writes that he is delighted with his new charge and that he received material evidences of a gracious and generous reception.

Rev. A. A. McKnight has made an auspicious beginning at Amite. The charge has accepted an increase on Benevolences, the Board of Christian Education is beginning to function and the entire charge is moving forward.

Rev. C. B. White writes that he is beginning the new year at Hodge under encouraging circumstances. The acceptance for Benevolences has been increased, his budget is balanced and the outlook is good.

The Monroe District Stewards' Meeting on December 18, is reported to have been well directed, and a great success. Under the leadership of Rev. H. L. Johns, pastors and people have accepted a full share in the program for the year.

Rev. C. K. Smith received a great reception upon his return to Tallulah for his fourth year. He has been overwhelmed by the kindness of his people and he's looking forward to a very happy year's work.

Rev. G. H. Corry begins well at Baker. A ten per cent increase in Benevolences, including District Work, was accepted, a charge Board of Stewards has been organized, and every-member canvass made, and the prospects are good for raising the preacher's salary in full.

At Istrouma where Rev. J. A. Alford is pastor, there has been an increase in the pastor's salary, a ten per cent increase in the acceptances on Benevolences, and there are indications that this may be the best year of Brother Alford's pastorate in that charge.

Clinton is very happy on account of the return of Rev. S. J. McLean for another year, both salary and acceptances on Benevolences will be increased, improvements will be made in the facilities for the Church School, and everywhere are the signs of a good year.

Dr. George S. Sexton, who has been sick for the past few days, is reported to be on the road to recovery. He was elected presiding elder emeritus of the Shreveport District. We are not certain as to whether that means a hang-over of personality or a back number in authority.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Board of District Stewards was held at Ponchatoula on December 15. Resolutions were passed asking every charge to increase acceptances on Benevolences ten per cent and to increase the salaries of pastors wherever possible.

The people of Greensburg charge have shown every courtesy and consideration for Rev. R. A. Bozeman and his family. In addition to the welcome extended, the parsonage has been improved and all things point to a great year in that charge—the second largest in membership in the Baton Rouge District.

Rev. D. B. Boddie has received more than a cordial welcome at Sulphur. The Missionary Society made extensive improvements on the parsonage and its furnishings, the pastor's salary was increased $500, and indications point to a banner year for the Henning Memorial Church. Mr. H. G. Paterson is the chairman of the Board of Stewards.

The church at Oakdale, Rev. R. W. Faulk, pastor, made extensive improvements upon the church building recently. Rooms for the church school at a cost of $500 have been added and paid for. The church increased the acceptance for Benevolences $100. Mr. S. D. Marler is the new chairman of the Board of Stewards.

Miss Lela Mims, Minden, writes that the Advocate means much to her mother and herself; and she expresses also her appreciation of those who have contributed to the Advocate columns—Dr. Davies, Dr. Raulins, Dr. Carley and the editor.

Rev. J. R. Abels, Ponchatoula, sends us a subscription to the Advocate, the gift of the parents of Rev. T. T. Howes, Montrose, who is in his first pastoral charge. The price of the Advocate is $1.50 except to superannuates and their widows. That was the amount remitted by Brother Abels.

Mrs. Carrie Aldridge, recently removed from Gonzales to Batchelor, has our thanks for the renewal of her paper, and for the assurance of her deep interest in every copy. We have sent an additional copy to her new address in order that she may not miss an issue.

Rev. Carl Lueg and his family received a glad welcome at the hands of the Methodists of Hammond. The Benevolences will be increased and there is real earnestness about the plans for a new church building during the year. Investigations are being made in church architecture, and large congregations have greeted the new preacher.

Mr. H. P. Morgan, chairman of the Board of Stewards of Indian Bayou charge, reported at the District Stewards' meeting, that they purpose to increase the salary of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Knight, and that the acceptance for Benevolences would be increased also. He reported money in hand to build a steeple in the Indian Bayou church.

Optimistic reports are coming in from the charges of Shreveport District. Coushatta, Park Avenue, Plain Dealing, Vivian and Wynn Memorial report salary increases, and the probability is that the amount assumed for Benevolences will exceed by seven per cent last year's assumptions. We have notice that the Advocate quota will be met.

Shreveport Methodism is looking forward to the missionary rally scheduled for January 22, in Shreveport, and a District rally will be held in Mansfield on Feb. 1. Dr. G. L. Morelock will hold an Institute for stewards at First Church, Shreveport, January 27-29, and a Standard Training School, also at First Church, on Feb. 14-19, is expected to be a District-wide school.

Rev. Ellis Smith, pastor, and Mr. V. L. Caldwell, chairman of the Board of Stewards, led in the presentation of a Hammond Electric organ and 500 copies of the New Methodist Hymnal to the Abbeville church for a Christmas present. The outlay for the gift was $1500 and the pastor's salary has been increased $300.

Lake Charles District Educational staff held a meeting at the home of the presiding elder, Rev. B. F. Rogers, on December 28. Rev. G. W. Dameron, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education; Mrs. F. A. Bacon, director of Adult work; Claudius Mayo, director of Young People's work; and A. M. Mayo were present. Mrs. G. C. Reeves of Many, director of Children's work, was absent on account of illness.

First Church, Baton Rouge, and Dr. J. Richard Spann are truly on the march. Reference has been made previously to the coming of several leaders of the Church within the next few weeks, the church accepted the entire asking for Benevolences and added ten per cent, making a total sum $275 greater than the asking. During the present month, Dr. Spann is teaching a Standing Training Class on the Life of Christ, and the evangelistic goal of the Church School has been fixed at one hundred members.

CHURCH POINT, LA.

Dear Dr. Duren:

I have been waiting for some time to send in a general account of the work done on the Church Point charge since its birth some three years ago. As you no doubt already know, the charge was formed of churches from several other charges from time to time. But there are still two of the original churches that are on the charge.

When we came to Church Point in March of 1934, it was very much like many other charges in the state, no parsonage, nothing else to speak of except a mighty fine group of Christian folks, which the following paragraph will certainly prove.

Brother Rogers, our beloved presiding elder, and I soon began talking the erection of a parsonage. Of course there were those that always say it can't be, who tried to get us to believe the same, but we refused to take no for an answer and very soon in 1935 things began to happen, and they continued to happen until Annual Conference we had begun the building, having over half of the money pledged or in the bank. To make a long story short, we moved into one of the most beautiful little parsonages that you will find anywhere in the state on the eighteenth day of December, 1935. At Conference this past year we went to Conference with all of the debt paid except $245.00.

And on top of all that they have paid their salaries in full each year and many times the dollars they had been paying on the other claims of the churches.

We have a very faithful group here on the charge, and we would just love for the people of the state to know that Church Point charge is to be numbered with most any charge from the standpoint of Spirit and finance, according to number of members in the charge.

We have some of the very finest in the world as well as some that still have room to grow, but all in all they are a fine group of people.

By the way, I was about to forget to say that the parsonage was almost entirely paid for by the Church Point church and the Pitreville church, seven and one-half miles from Church Point, who we hope will become half time churches when the parsonage is entirely paid for. Of course the parsonage is almost entirely furnished with nice substantial furniture which, with the exception of a dining room suite and few other articles, was paid for by the Woman's Missionary Society here in Church Point. Mrs. W. C. Barham, the pastor's wife, is the president of the society.

We are not boasting, Dr. Duren, but we are very thankful for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the doing of the fine piece of work on the Church Point charge.

I am sure you are mindful of the fact that our charge has gotten its quota of Advocate subscriptions each year as well as the other fine things it has done? And we shall continue to do so by the help of God and some loyal folks here on the charge.

We do not want to close this article without saying a kindly word in behalf of our beloved presiding elder, Rev. Benj. F. Rogers. Brother Rogers has always been kind to us in every way and a real big brother as well. He being the only presiding elder I have ever held any pastorate under, I can say without fear of offence to the other fine elders in the state, he is the best. But I want to add that I am also certain that I shall not have any better ever. I love him as I think he loves me. So until later, I remain,

Pastor in charge,
W. C. BARHAM.

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Rev. R. L. Walton, appears to be in fine favor at Poplar Springs Church, Meridian, and all indications point to a good year.

Rev. J. W. Ramsey, superannuate living at Meridian, is reported to be making steady improvement following his extended illness.

Rev. T. E. Nicholson, who spent seven years as pastor of Philadelphia circuit, is making a splendid start in his new field at Enterprise.

Mrs. J. F. Mars, Meridian, has been a subscriber for the Advocate for forty-eight years, and says that she has been a reader of it for sixty-seven years, and she is still on our mailing list.

Mrs. A. A. Boulton, of Newton, sends us New Year's greetings, and says that she enjoys the Advocate more than any other paper. Thank you, and a thousand good wishes for 1937.

Rev. R. E. Rutledge, Hattiesburg, Route 3, sends a Christmas subscription to his daughter, Mrs. Lewis Wilkinson, Roxie, Miss., and with it an appreciation of the paper which we greatly value.

Rev. J. W. Sells, 701 Southern Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss., is interested in securing old Disciplines and other historical material of the Church. Copies of the Disciplines of 1854, 1858 and 1894 are particularly desired.

Under the leadership of Rev. J. T. Leggett, Main Street, Hattiesburg, moves forward with an increased budget for the year. Prof. Dewey Dearman, of State Teachers' College, is the chairman of the Board of Stewards.

Rev. T. O. Prewitt appears to be setting a dizzy pace for the pastors of Hattiesburg District. At an "open-house" following Conference, the budget for the year was practically subscribed and manifestly a good year is in the offing.

Rev. T. A. Carruth, pastor at Broad Street Mission, is president of the Mississippi Methodist Student Federation. He spent a week in Nashville recently attending a student council, of whose deliberations he gives an enthusiastic report.

According to press notices, Rev. W. H. McRaney was married recently, the ceremony having been performed by his brother, Rev. J. A. McRaney. That brings the newly weds of Hattiesburg District to three—Granberry, Phil Grice, and W. H. McRaney.

Brother F. A. Ainsworth, Jayess, Miss., sends us a check for his "54th renewal subscription" to the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and to that evidence of loyalty, he adds the heartening words: "The dear old paper gets better as the years go by."

Mr. H. Ogden, the treasurer of the Conference Board of Finance, reports that the Christmas offering for the superannuates has met a fine response. Many churches have paid the entire asking, rather than just the twenty-five per cent requested by Christmas.

Rev. Rolfe Hunt, superannuate now living in Jackson, had the unique experience on December 29 of baptizing baby Carol Culley for whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Culley, he performed the marriage ceremony a number of years ago. Mr. Culley is alumni secretary for Millsaps College.

Rev. W. B. Alsworth, presiding elder, writes that he has appointed Rev. J. W. Sells and Rev. J. F. Campbell reporters for the Hattiesburg District. You will be able to help your reporters and the Advocate by bringing to their attention every important item of news in your District.

Rev. Seth Granberry, New Augusta, says that the people of his charge have been very gracious to him and his wife. They have remembered them with two delightful and profitable showers, and naturally he is looking forward to a good year which he says, "includes our Advocate quota in full."

The presiding elder of the Hattiesburg District has issued a challenge to all pastors and churches for an advance along all lines. Church School Day, Laymen's Day, Memorial Mercy Home, Sanatorium, the superannuates and the Advocate head the list as imperatives of the District program for the year.

Rev. and Mrs. O. S. Lewis, of East End Church, Meridian, spent the holidays in Hattiesburg with Brother Lewis' mother. In his absence, the services of his church were cared for by Rev. D. H. Griffin, pastor of the Christian Church, and Rev. R. H. Clegg, presiding elder of Brookhaven District.

Mr. Shelby Pickett, lay leader of the Hattiesburg District and Rev. T. O. Prewitt and Rev. J. F. Campbell were the leaders in an unusual welcome for Rev. W. B. Alsworth and his family. The presiding elder was given a generous pounding at the District Stewards meeting in Laurel, and every charge and church participated in the donation.

Rev. Milam Reeves, pastor at Sumrall, has already two "firsts" to his credit on the year's work. He was first in the District to remit in full the Christmas offering for the superannuates, and first to remit in full the allotment for the Orphanage. Rev. J. L. Sells, of Mount Olive reported his superannuate offering at the meeting of the District Stewards.

Rev. J. W. Sells, the new pastor at Court Street, Hattiesburg, found that he had a good workman in his predecessor, Rev. C. A. Schultz. His church is well organized and at work. A city-wide reception to the new preacher, a White Christmas by the Church School, a Christmas play and a Watch Night service are among the activities thus far. C. L. Charbonneau is chairman of the Board of Stewards, and W. E. Barksdale, General superintendent of the Church School.

OSYKA AND FERNWOOD

Dear Dr. Duren: The people of the Osyka and Fernwood charge gave us a very cordial welcome on our arrival as their pastor for the year 1937. We were abundantly pounded for the Christmas season which gave us evidence of a hearty co-operation in all respects to make the pastorate a success. Many friends of former years, especially at Fernwood, stood ready with open hearted welcome to receive us, and the other congregations were none the less cordial.

Christmas was a happy season as four daughters brightened our home with the usual home coming. 'It "was a feast of the family on the birth day of the King." Many Christmas cards, greetings, came from many and various states, and especially from the home state. Many presents, evidences of friendship and love, also came from the kin folks and friends to make the season glad.

Our outlook for a good year is very hopeful and we are happy in the work.

W. H. SAUNDERS.

METHODIST PROGRESS IN JAPAN

(Continued from page 5)

of the Japanese people than would be expected with its comparatively small membership of three hundred thousand, including all branches of the Christian Church.

One of the most touching moments in the programs held in the celebrations this winter was the occasion in Kobe when, before a packed house in the Central Kobe Church, Mr. Kishimoto, now a business man but formerly a teacher in Kwansei Gakuin, the university of the Mission mentioned above, gave unsolicited a gift of Yen 5,000,000 toward the indebtedness of the Board of Missions in America. This act of appreciation on the part of the younger Church to the older will serve as a great inspiration in Japan and in America.

One should not get the impression that the eyes of the Mission in Japan are altogether on the past. With the sending out of a few new missionaries by the Board of Missions and with the indication of some relief in budgets, already plans are under way for the broadening and deepening of the work of the Mission. An autonomous Church is established, and more or less independent are the institutions for educational purposes, the Mission can now with the same zeal of the missionaries of the past turn to new avenues of service wherein they can serve in building the Kingdom of God. These are too numerous to mention here in detail, but certainly among them will be the ten thousand rural villages in Japan which are yet untouched by Christian influence. The great social field is open, with government institutions eager to co-operate. These institutions without Christian love can never serve the true interests and needs of the underprivileged classes, and it is to show love and to teach love, the love of Christ, which motivates the present rural and social evangelistic trends. And it is necessary to add that whatever means to be used in the years to come there can be but one motive, one purpose, one end of a true missionary and that is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and thus lead men, women and children to the only Saviour of men, Him whom we call Christ, the Son of the Living God. To this end may the Church in America and the Mission in Japan dedicate their interests, their means and their lives during the next fifty years.

WEYMAN C. HUCKABEE,
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LYNCHINGS FOR 1936

Dear Sir: I send you the following information concerning lynchings for the year 1936. I find, according to the records compiled in the Department of Records and Research of the Tuskegee Institute, that there were 9 persons lynched in 1936. This is 11 less than the number 20 for 1935; 6 less than the number 15 for 1934, and 19 less than the number 28 for 1933. Six of the persons lynched were in the hands of the law—2 were taken from jails, and 4 from officers of the law outside of jails.

There were 35 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. Five of these were in Northern States and 30 in Southern States. In 30 of the instances the prisoners were removed or the guards augmented, or other precautions taken. In the 5 other instances armed force was used to repel the would-be lynchers. A total of 69 persons, 7 white and 62 Negro, were thus saved from death at the hands of mobs.

Of the 9 persons lynched, all were Negroes. The offenses charged were: rape, 3; attempted rape, 3; murder, 1; activity in share cropper strike, 1; charge not reported, 1.

The States in which lynchings occurred and the number in each State are as follows: Arkansas, 2; Florida, 1; Georgia, 5; Mississippi, 1.

Yours very truly,
F. D. PATTERSON, President,
Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO YE EDITOR

My dear Friend:

Nineteen hundred and thirty-seven is the portion of eternity which God at this instant gives to us. It is an outline to be filled on our part with human experience. Most wonderful of all God is to be in it.

"We live in deeds, not years;
In thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs.
He lives most who thinks most,
Feels the noblest, acts the best."

Your friendship is an inspiration to me. If I can be of any help to you call freely upon me.

God keep and speed you for 1937!

DANA DAWSON.

A LETTER FROM REV. B. P. JACO

Dear Brother Duren: Since Christmas joys must be succeeded finally by New Year good resolutions and then the contest, it occurs to me that I shall need the splendid help of the New Orleans Advocate, hence here's my check and I'll keep along the line somewhere with your leadership. I congratulate you upon the marked improvement in the Advocate.

Christmas this year brought, among many other good things, a realization of a boyhood wish. When oranges were expensive and scarce I only got one in my sock from Santa's distribution and thought, how I wish I could stand at an orange tree and eat all I wanted. Well, I did this Christmas, and it was my own tree. Come down and let's have an orange eating race.

If you get enough oranges and grapefruit we will cook some fresh beans, potatoes, cabbage, turnips, peas, carrots, beets, and right from the garden.

My new pastor buys all the new books and is so busy I help him read them at the rate of one or two a week. Hope you may be able to do a great year's writing.

BEN P. JACO.

The two missionary nurses at Minga station in the Congo Mission have been granted authority by the government to sign medical passports. This is an important phase in the public health work in the Congo, since natives are required to be examined for sleeping sickness when they want to travel more than 18 miles.

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

The Tupelo Methodist Church made a Christmas offering for the superannuates which amounted to $230.50.

The pastors of the Greenville District have organized with Rev. J. J. Baird as president, Rev. W. W. Jones as secretary, and Cleveland as headquarters.

The January meeting of the preachers of Greenwood District will be in the nature of a two-day retreat, the program to be arranged by the presiding elder.

Mrs. J. R. Countiss, we are glad to learn, is well on the road to recovery from the injury which she sustained in an automobile accident some time ago.

Rev. H. E. Carter, who suffered a broken bone and other injuries when he was struck by a truck, December 23, is reported to be making a satisfactory recovery. Brother Carter is pastor at Arcola.

Rev. Henry M. Young, a superannuate, was unable to get to the Conference at Kosciusko on account of illness. We are glad to know that he is on the road to recovery and we wish for him a very happy year.

New pastors of the Greenville District include N. D. Guerry, C. L. Rogers, J. J. Baird, G. A. Baker, Basil Moore, W. T. Phillips, W. R. Goudelock, and R. G. Lord. Reports indicate that all have been well received.

Rev. W. L. Storment, recently retired from the office of the presiding eldership, is having a happy beginning of his ministry at Okolona. Pastor and people alike are well pleased with the outlook for the new year.

Rev. H. D. Suydam, the new pastor at Shannon, is reported to be in high favor with his people, and he begins his work for the new year with the enterprise and aggressiveness characteristic of his ministry elsewhere.

Greenville District reached its goal of $10,000 for the Benevolences last year. Two charges did not quite reach their allotment but the deficit was offset by others that overpaid. The goal set for 1936-37 is $11,000.

Rev. C. A. Northington has been well received by the people of Verona charge, and extensive repairs are being made on the parsonage. The presiding elder has added to his duties the work of District Missionary Secretary.

Rev. L. B. Wimberly, pastor of Buena Vista circuit, reports $700 raised and paid on the parsonage debt. That is a worthy achievement for that charge, and it prepares one for what follows: "Work in other phases starts well."

The Christmas Offering for Superannuates met with a favorable response in the Greenwood District. First Church, Greenwood, sent in $215, and other churches sent in more than the 3% of the pastor's salary allotment.

By the payment of $2,500 to the Board of Church Extension recently, the church building at Leland was cleared of debt, and Rev. R. G. Moore and his people are looking forward to the joy of a dedicatory service in the near future.

Mrs. S. C. Taylor, formerly of Mississippi, now lives at 2168 Union Ave., Memphis, but her devotion to the New Orleans Christian Advocate abides. She sends us an article for publication which we hope to be able to use soon.

Rev. J. R. Murff says that he has received a great reception by the people of Moorhead charge and that he is expecting a good year. We appreciate his invitation to go fishing with him and we are certainly on the way in spirit.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Aberdeen Church has been both thoughtful and generous in its contribution to the furnishings of the District parsonage—the contribution has become an annual custom with the society.

While the pastor was away at Conference, the people built a chancel and a nice pulpit in the Bethlehem Church at Coffeville charge. The first quarterly conference was held in that church, and Rev. J. B. Conner, the pastor, presented a good report of his work.

J. M. Bradley, Commissioner for Grenada College, spent last week in a canvass of Greenwood District in the interest of the College. He was accompanied and assisted by Dr. A. T. McIlwain, the presiding elder, and reports from the canvass are encouraging.

The Aberdeen District preachers have organized with W. L. Storment, president; W. W. Hartsfield, vice-president; and G. R. Meaders, secretary-treasurer. The first meeting is to be held on January 5, and the theme for discussion will be "Our Methodist Literature."

The Amory Church, in addition to rebuilding its church without the hang-over of debt, has added an electric refrigerator to the parsonage furnishings and, under the leadership of Mr. W. L. Underwood, a beautiful communion service is provided in place of the one lost by fire.

At the District Stewards' Meeting, the Greenwood District committed itself to a forward movement along all lines, especially on the Benevolences. The amount accepted by the district for the new year is larger than last year and the Board of District Stewards pledged themselves to help raise the increase.

Mr. W. L. Elkin, the Aberdeen District Lay Leader, reports more enthusiasm concerning the work of the church, a better prospect for the work of the laymen, and a forward look throughout that section. Three meetings of stewards are planned for the district for a co-ordination of plans and the development of a District get-together spirit.

Lula and Dundee charge, of which Rev. W. T. Phillips is the pastor, paid more than one-third for the salary for the entire year within a month after the new preacher arrived. That speaks well for the loyalty of the people, and it places an added responsibility upon the pastor. Money is easier to spend when you have it than when you expect it.

"Acceptances" in many charges of the Aberdeen District are in advance of last year. Pastors, who have already reported the collection of money for General and Conference work, include E. M. Shaw, J. B. Burns, W. M. Jones, G. B. Love, and T. F. Sartain. Greenwood Springs has challenged Derma to be first "out in full" on Benevolences in the first quarter.

The District Staff of the Board of Christian Education met in Greenwood recently, with all except one present. Rev. Roy A. Grisham, Conference Executive Secretary, was in attendance also. A series of institutes was planned for March or April. Prof. J. R. Bain, Adult work; Rev. Geo. W. York, Young People; and Mrs. A. W. Beasley, Children's work, constitute the District staff.

Dr. W. P. Buhrman, presiding elder of the Aberdeen District, held his District Stewards' Meeting at Tupelo early in December. The routine business finished, the meeting was turned into an institute for the consideration of the causes, interests and problems of the District. Upon adjournment, the thirty preachers and laymen present were served lunch at a local hotel as the guests of Dr. Buhrman.

The Aberdeen District Educational staff is composed of Rev. J. A. George, Adult work; Miss Katherine Rogers, Young People's work; and Miss Jane Roberds, Children's work. The first meeting for the year was held in the pastor's study at Amory, and present were Rev. Roy A. Grisham and Rev. W. R. Hammontree, executive secretary and assistant executive secretary respectively of the Conference Board of Education.

Corinth, First Church, has a justifiable pride in its fine choir. On Sunday night, December 20, the choir rendered a Christmas Cantata which was heard by an appreciative audience that more than filled the auditorium of the church. That the little city of Corinth as a whole delights to hear the choir of First Church is seen in the other churches omitting their evening services to co-operate with the program of the Methodist singers.

Iuka Methodists are planning to dedicate at some early date their new church structure, built under the leadership of their aggressive pastor, Rev. Samuel E. Ashmore. The erection of this well-equipped building in a discouraging period of financial depression is a really outstanding achievement, exhibiting heroism in pastor and people. The laity in Iuka is led by one of the most valuable men, Mr. J. C. Jourdan, Sr. Always generous, far-sighted and warm-hearted, Mr. Jourdan is a leader who believes in doing the big thing for his church.

In the Greenwood District last year, every charge except one paid its salary in full and that failure was due to the fact that the pastor was released before the end of the year to go to school. All but four charges paid all claims in full. The Advocate quota was raised and the scholarship at Grenada College continued. A brick church at Sumner was completed and dedicated and a new church was organized. The church at McCarley completed the payment of its debt and a good membership increase was reported.

One of the fine women in the District who is serving her local church in an unusual but helpful way is Mrs. R. B. Smith, Jr., of Ripley. Mrs. Smith has peculiarly fine taste in making the church auditorium attractive, and her sense of appropriateness in arranging flowers is in evidence from Sunday to Sunday in her church. Christmas Sunday saw the handsome church auditorium beautifully arranged with Christmas designs, all of which made its own rare contribution to the worship. Her work for the church in this regard is always admired and appreciated by the church members.

There are good signs of spiritual and material progress in the Corinth District at the beginning of the Conference year. The District parsonage at Corinth has been renovated and improved, with Mr. Wesley Rankin, loyal layman of First Church, Corinth, at the head of the committee. Another good station has been created in the Corinth District, the church at Baldwyn assuming full-time work. Rev. W. C. McCay, who has ministered to the church at Baldwyn and Wheeler for five years, has entered well into his duties at the Baldwyn station. At Wheeler a new parsonage is being constructed for Rev. N. L. Threet, and the outlook on the charge is encouraging. There will be an increase in salary at several points in the District. Salaries have been increased this year at Ripley, Iuka and Booneville.

An unusual circumstance in this District is that one of our local churches claims the membership of two of the outstanding laymen of the Annual Conference. That is the case in New Albany's being the church home of both Mr. J. G. Houston and Mr. D. H. Hall. Both are successful in business and devote the same common sense and work to their religion that they give to practical affairs. Ready speakers, each with a gift for unique expression, they are heard gladly on the floor of the Annual Conference. It is no wonder that New Albany has so effective a lay program when backed up by the energy and wisdom of such men as these. The lay forces in New Albany Methodism have been strengthened by the membership of Hon. Hugh N. Clayton, who recently went to that community to practice his profession. Judge Clayton was giving valuable service to his church in Ripley. There is no brighter promise to the church in this Annual Conference than Judge Clayton who, albeit, younger than some, has started well on the road to usefulness.

FROM THE SIDE-LINES

By James H. Felts

Selfishness, reduced to its final analysis, produces emotional paralysis with reference to the sufferings of others—an utter indifference thereto. Here is found the criminal world, the bootlegger, the dictator, the great (?) general, the Dillingers, road hogs, grafters, gamblers, practically all those who constantly seek something for nothing. The Christian spirit is interested in the welfare of others, makes sacrifice that others may be happier and better. The other fellow is never forgotten. The study of these opposite attitudes is most interesting. Among preachers will be found marked differences. The preacher who really cares spurns personal advancement at the expense of others. Christ gave His life for others. His followers never even approach perfection until a like spirit is found in them. Brotherhood is meaningless until this spirit is found. It is useless to sing, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, I'll be what you want me to be" so long as there is a mental reservation that includes salary, comfortable parsonage, a large congregation, and definite honors. St. Luke tells us of "a certain rich man" who sounded the depths of emotional paralysis: "I," "me," "mine," "ease," "comfort." God said, "Thou fool." We preachers talk about the sacrifice we made when we entered the ministry. The great majority of us made no sacrifice whatever. We are better off every way. Our income is larger, our children have better opportunities, our friendships are more real, our contacts richer and finer. I have yet to know a preacher whose station in life is more restricted because of his calling. I know plenty of them who are even financially better off because they are preachers. I have seen banks and building and loan associations fail that had my money. I have seen property values dwindle to zero where I was interested. I have seen the hand of death beckon in my direction, but through it all real friendships have blessed me far beyond my deserts. I gave all I had to my calling. The return has been rich beyond the dreams of avarice. Brethren, there is but one sane, sound, happy way of living—The Christian Way. Talk about sacrifice! The Christ way of living glorifies sacrifice, packs into the heart of men the very essence of happiness and hope, always giving values beyond investment.

TO THE PASTORS AND PEOPLE OF NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

On behalf of our honored superannuates I wish to thank the pastors and their people for their response to the Christmas offering for our worthy claimants. Brother Mounger, treasurer of the Conference Board of Finance, who received and disbursed this fund, states that he was able to mail out a Christmas check to each of the superannuates for $40.00. He further states that the offerings are still coming in and he is quite sure that he will be able to mail out another check of at least $10.00 each. Brother Mounger states that he will furnish a complete list of all contributors a little later for publication. Again we thank you all.

A. T. McILWAIN,
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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, JANUARY 10

By Dr. J. E. Cunniss

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

The conference of Nicodemus with Jesus represents the meeting of two worlds; one ecclesiastic, natural, formal; the other vital, spiritual, divine. Nicodemus was more irked by Jewish subjection to Rome than by its bondage to Satan. He was but one of many who sought political freedom. The rising young teacher attracted his attention. He might become invaluable if he could only be "lined up with the right crowd." Perhaps the crude young Galilean could be induced to forsake the rabble and cooperate with the leaders. Nicodemus would sound him out. Some such motive seems to be implied in the almost abrupt statement of Jesus: "Ye must be born again." Certainly many fine young men giving promise of ability to lead the multitude have been so approached by representatives of the dominant faction with pledges of assistance in return for "regularity," or threats of opposition if they chose independence, sometimes meeting with prompt rebuff, sometimes with ready acquiescence.

Jesus quickly let Nicodemus know that the two lived in different worlds and that there could be no alliance till his distinguished visitor was "born again." The man who thought to lead the forces of the kingdom of God could not so much as see that kingdom until he was ushered into a new level of life. Nicodemus could have led the Crusades, but not the Wesleyan revival. He knew the use of the sword, but not the power of the Spirit of God .Perhaps some church leaders of our day, depending on large contributions are not far in advance of Nicodemus. The material is at least not the first requisite for the advancement of the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh must ever remain flesh.

A new birth marks entrance into any new kingdom. Old things pass away and all things become new. Such a birth may occur to a student in college, or to one who hears for the first time the rendition of great music, or who makes his first visit to a great art gallery. Notable examples are found in care-free sons upon whose shoulders the death of a father has thrown the burden of business and the responsibility for the family, though some remain dead to the call of new ideas, receiving no inspiration to new life.

Nicodemus desired to free a nation; Jesus to save a world. The love of God comprehends the race. Men receive the benefits of that love through faith as a means, and faith has many adjuncts in secondary helps, such as the reading of the Scriptures, the hearing of the word, receiving the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, association with godly people, efforts to help the needy. God calls through outer opportunity as well as through the inner voice. Christian faith is primarily faith in the person of Jesus, but we must not forget that he identifies himself as the way, the truth and the life. There be some who have found his way without learning his name. There ars still high church officials who need to be born again, and still "pagan" centurions whose faith surpasses that of many in Israel. The new life as a matter of experience is to be preferred to skill in explaining its processes. On some the truth has burst with the suddenness of a lightning stroke, as on Saul; on others it has dawned so gradually that the hour is not known. In all alike, it is evidenced

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CHOOSING THE COLOR

Have you ever looked at the world through a piece of colored glass? Of course you have. I know when I was a boy if you had turned my pockets, among the marbles, bits of pencil, and a broken knife, and all the rest of the things that fill a boy's pocket, you would generally have found some colored glass.

Now here is a piece of blue. Look through it. It makes everything pale and sickly. The world looks like a ghost. I should not like to live in a blue world.

Here is a piece of red glass. Everything seems on fire. I should not like to live in a red world.

But here is a piece of yellow. How bright everything looks! It fills the world with sunshine. I remember once I went to a friend's house on a very bad, rainy day. And when I was leaving I looked through the hall door, and said: "Why, it has stopped raining, the sun is shining." but it wasn't. I had looked through some yellow glass, and it made everything look bright, though outside it was as rainy as ever.

Boys and girls, life takes on the color of the glass we look through. There was once a soldier who had been gassed in the Great War. And a woman came to see him while he was in the hospital. She was well-meaning but not a very wise person, and she said: "My, poor man, you have a great affliction!" Then she added, "Afflictions color our lives, don't they!"

And the soldier said: "Yes, they do, but I am going to choose the color."

That was a fine answer, wasn't it?

—Selected.

WHAT IS YOUR STORY?

The late Lord Northcliffe, a great English journalist, said: "My journalistic theory is that every man has one story in him, and it nearly always works out. I met a man at an Australian sheep station, and I said to him "What is your chief story?"

"Well," he replied, "I saw the Hampshire go down."

The Hampshire was the British battle cruiser upon which Lord Kitchener was lost in the World War, and a first-hand knowledge of an event as important as that was a matter of interest to the whole British Empire. Few of us know anything so important as that, and yet we do know something that is worth while and that might add to the sum of the world's inspirations.

The editor invites you to write us the details of any personal incident that may help to make this page interesting. Send us any story that you feel would be bright and helpful. Tell us where you found it, it must not be too long, and it must not be a copyrighted story. If it is a personal incident, you need not use the actual names, and it must not be something that might give offence to anyone. Be sure to send us your name. We will not use your name unless you wish it. Send your stories today and help us to make this the brightest page of the paper. We do not promise to publish all stories submitted, but we will publish those that fit into our scheme.

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The last zone meeting of the year was held at Carrollton on Wednesday, December 2, opening with the song, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah." The devotional was conducted by Miss James of Alva, her subject being "The Quiet Hour and Personal Living." She used several passages of Scripture, Psalms 46:10, 121, 91:1, Isaiah 26:3 and Luke 12:24 and brought out the real meaning of blessedness of the Quiet Hour in Our Personal Lives. Mrs. Gee of Vaiden led in prayer.

Due to inclement weather only five societies were represented: Elva, Kilmichael, 4; Vaiden, 4; North Carrollton, 1; and Carrollton, 6. All had splendid reports and Columbiana sent hers. North Carrollton was welcomed into the group. Mrs. Greenlee, of Kilmichael, talked on "Jesus' Evaluation of Personality."

Mrs. C. G. Boyett was unanimously elected chairman and Mrs. J. B. Harmon re-elected secretary.

Vaiden asked for the first meeting of the new year.

The closing numbers of the program were an inspirational paper on "What Will We Do With Jesus," by Mrs. Boyett, followed by prayer by Mrs. H. Flowers.

Mrs. L. C. Rush, of Artesia, brings us the most courageous message of the season. Just as they were going to their new church for its dedication the fire whistle blew. Instead of attending a dedication service they stood by as their church went up in a blaze. The next day the Woman's Missionary Society met as usual. Each woman accepted her office for the coming year, and turned her face toward the future led by the courageous message of Mrs. Henry Pilkinton of Mayhew who used Isaiah 40:26-31.

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On the first Monday at 3 p. m., the Woman's Missionary Society met at the church with a good attendance. Mrs. M. E. Jarrett conducted the devotional and the Social Service committee had charge of the programs led by Mrs. McKee.

A committee was appointed to nominate officers and superintendents for the coming year. Mrs. McKee was hostess for the last social study meeting at the parsonage, assisted by Mrs. Earl Bufkin and Mrs. Will Marshall. The study period was taken up by the presentation of the last chapter of the book, "A Preface to Racial Understanding." The decorations and dainty refreshments portrayed the Hallowe'en season and furnished the setting for a very pleasant social hour.

The Week of Prayer was observed with an all-day service at the church and lunch served at the noon hour. Mrs. Will Marshall had charge of the devotional for the morning service assisted by Mrs. McKee and Mrs. Earl Bufkin. Mrs. Session and Mrs. Bufkin each sang a lovely solo with Mrs. Dave Vance presiding at the organ. Mrs. Russell Harmon and Mrs. Cunningham presented the topic, "In Foreign Fields." The afternoon devotional was conducted by Mrs. T. T. O'Bryant, and Mrs. Jarrett. Mrs. Session had charge of the "Home Mission' program.

SAFETY SIGNALS

All in a day's work. Just some human contacts. Paying for the utilities in the home, I handed the young man a check above the amount due on one of these, "Against the rule to cash a check above the amount due here." Drew a check for the sum due, then on to the next plant. Next to the city hall to pay for water, thence to the telephone office. Here was a pleasant looking Negro cleaning windows. "Had a good Christmas?" "Yes, Sir," his face beaming and the ivories shining. "Are you a Methodist?" "No, Sir, 'Im a Baptist. I went to church last night and heard a good sermon." "What was the subject of the sermon?" "God is able," he replied. His answer evoked a train of thought. God is able. Years ago while pastor of the Felicity St. Church at prayer meeting I was commenting on Ephesians 3:20—"Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Sister McDonald, an elect lady of the congregation, a few days thereafter, with the light of joy that beams in the face of God's chosen ones, quoted the text again to me. God is able. I left the porter, wended my way down the street, saw a rather pleasant look man smiling, "You looked pleased," I said, as I approached him. "Yes, I was just smiling at some friends passing." A few moments of pleasant conversation, exchange of names. Only a smile. Sometimes it lights weary hearts. It lighted mine for I came home and wrote:

Be glad, sweet friend,
God's stars still shine,
Despite the lowering clouds beneath.
Yes, these gems of purest ray serene
In all the ages, fail not.
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In Memoriam

MRS. J. J. GARNER

The subject of this sketch, Mrs. J. J. Garner, was born September 14, 1872, and departed this life September 26, 1936. Between those two dates a beautiful life was lived. Her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Blythe, christened her Lily Delight when she was born into their home in Union County. She joined the church at the age of twelve and continued a faithful Chistian throughout the fruitful years of her life. On the first day of April, 1897, she was married to Rev. J. J. Garner, then a young minister in his third year as a member of the North Mississippi Conference. Two children were born into the home, Eugene Hendrix, Cleveland, Miss.; and Mrs. Lily Mae Garner Stanley, Starksville, Miss. Her husband and children were each attentive to their devoted loved one until the close of her life.

Mrs. Garner entered into the home life of a Methodist parsonage and the work of the Methodist church to give her entire life with her talents and sacrificial spirit. She was not only a faithful worker, but was an efficient worker in the church along with her husband. She was a leader in the best sense of the word with the people in every charge where they labored. The people of the church loved her as they loved her husband as laborers in carrying the spirit of Christ to the hearts of the people. She was always in her place doing her duty faithfully and sincerely.

Her greatest success, however, was as a home-builder. She gave much thought to the making of a Christian home for her husband and children so that when they thought of their home they would think of it with delight. She was pleased to have friends in her home. She knew how to make them welcome and happy.

Beginning the Christian life as a child, she had none of those regrets which haunt so many people. Going from a Christian home to establish a Christian home was the natural and normal outgrowth of her purpose in life.

She cultivated her mind and heart with the best things the church afforded. She knew that her church offered extensive fields for the Christian's growth. She kept her mind informed with studies concerning the work of missions, the Sunday school and the Bible. She never allowed herself to fall behind the thinking of the women of her church, but was able at all times to join with them intelligently in carrying forward the work as well as the spirit of her church.

Walking by the side of a faithful Methodist preacher was the crowning joy of her life. She was so devoted and true to every interest which concerned the life and work of her companion. It was the writer's privilege to know her over a long period of years. She never faltered at any time. Even during the years in which her health was failing she walked as steadily on as long as she had physical strength. After her death, in the Methodist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., cn the twenty-sixth of September, her loved ones carried her body back home at Water Valley, Miss., and the next day, Sunday, a throng of people gathered in the North Main Street Church for the funeral. Rev. T. H. Dorsey and the writer conducted the service. She sleeps in the little cemetery just north of Myrtle, Miss., near her father's home. Rev. L. M. James, pastor at Myrtle, and a number of other pastors of the Conference were present at the cemetery, with a host of friends who had known her from her girlhood throughout her life.

"True worth is in being, not seeming;
In doing, each day that goes by,
Some little good, not in dreaming,
Of great things to do by and by.
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And spite of the fancies of youth,
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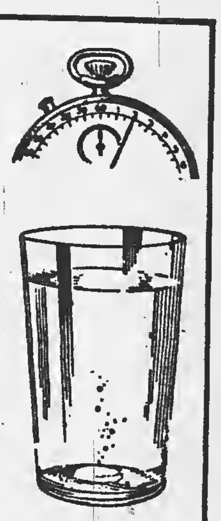

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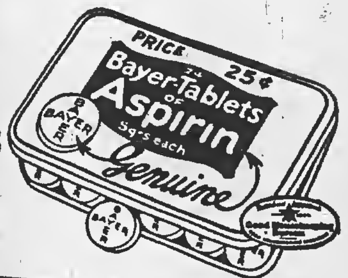

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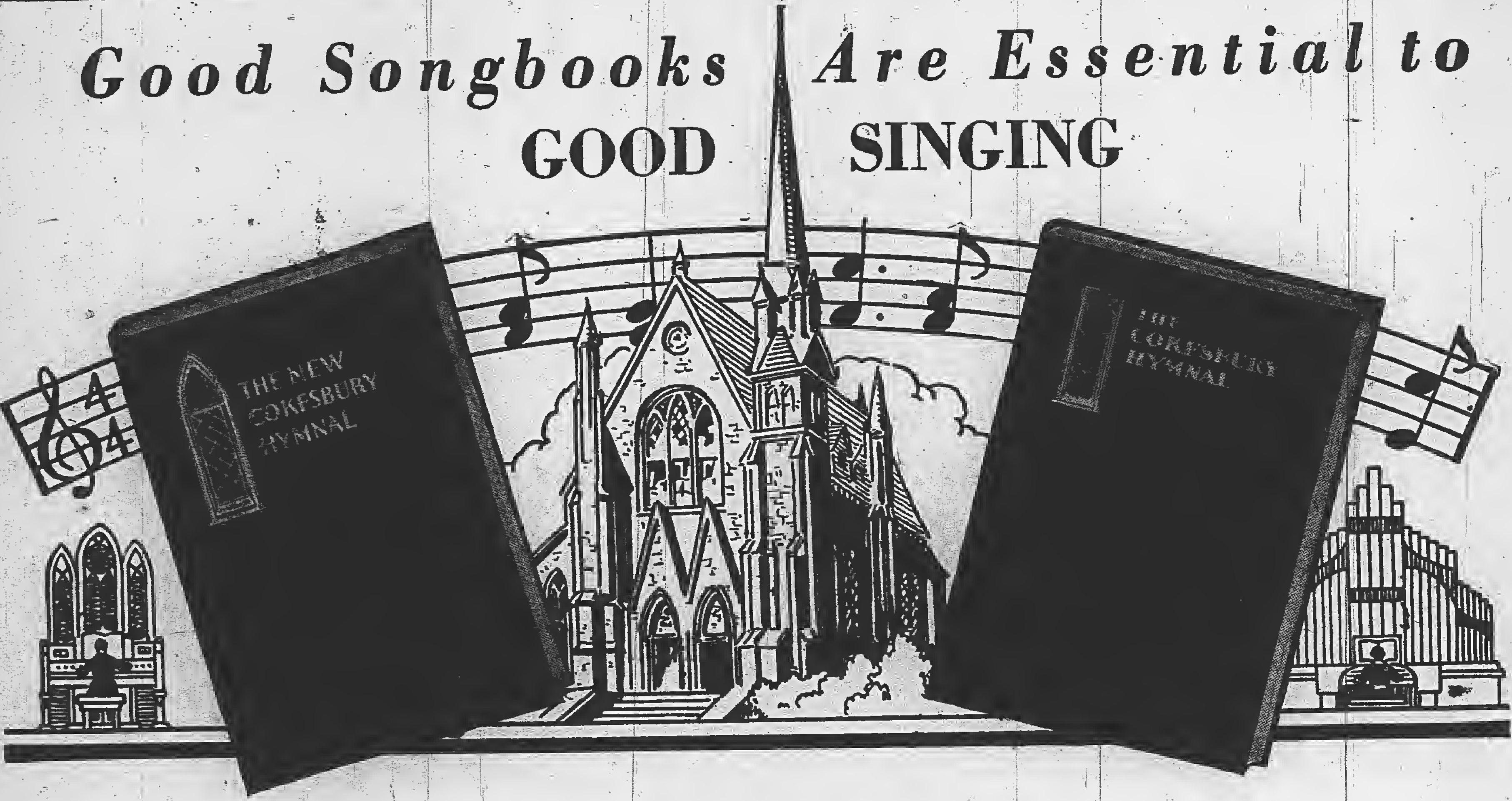

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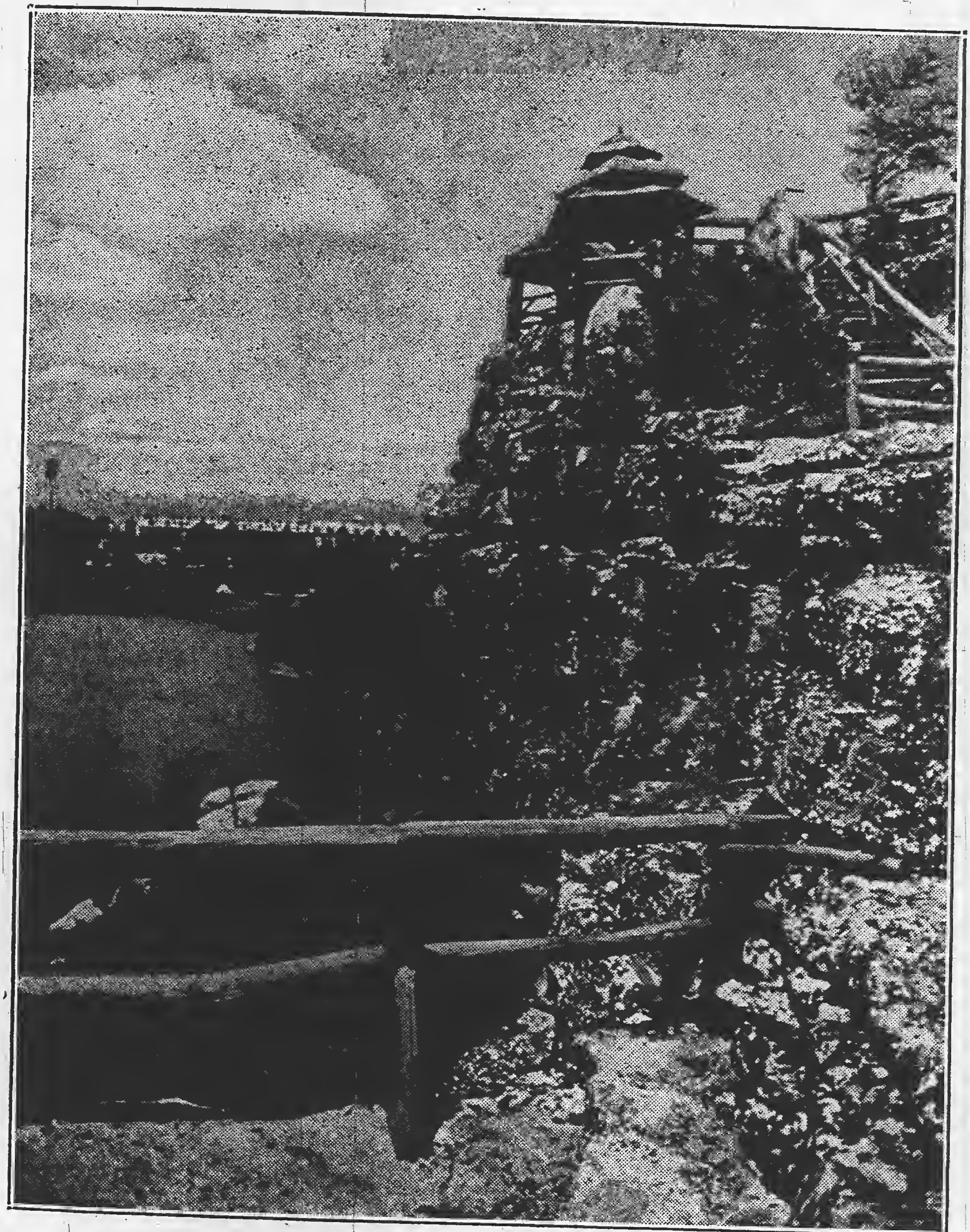

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Wallet of the Week

THE LIVING CHURCH ANNUAL for 1936, shows an increase of $62,166.27 in contributions to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States over the sum contributed the previous year. It lists considerable increases in the number of communicants in foreign mission fields, but shows a heavy loss in Sunday school attendance at home, in the number of clergy, and in the total number of parishes and missions.

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MARTIN NIEMOLLER, son of a German pastor, was one of the most ruthless German U-boat officers during the World War. When the war was over a change came over him, and he is today the foremost champion of the cause of Christianity and moderation against the excesses of neo-paganism and the interferences of officialdom. His autobiography, recently published, bears the title, "From U-boat to Pulpit," and it is said to be a story of thrilling adventures.

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REZA SHAH PAHLEVI, the peasant-born dictator of Persia, has completed two powerful radio stations—the first step in a movement to westernize the "once glorious land of Cyrus the Great." Until a few years ago Persia retained the habits, the customs, and thinking of its romantic past. It was still the land of "roses, wine, and mysticism" glorified by Omar Khayyam, a land of dervishes, fervent Moslems, and a land of magic-carpet weavers. The new ruler proposes to rouse it from its dreaminess and slumber and set it in the way of progress.

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MATTHEW HENRY, the great preacher and Bible commentator who was born in Wales two hundred and seventy-five years ago, stamped his impress upon English-speaking Christianity through the Commentary which bears his name. Although he died at the age of fifty-two years, he had lectured through the entire Bible twice. He had no thought of making a commentary, but his lectures, edited and published as a commentary, a hundred years after his death, still have widely recognized devotional value as an exposition of the Scriptures.

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TRANSPORTATION CHANGES constitute a striking index to the changes which have taken place in the social life of the world. Only a few years ago, there were 10,000 licensed horse-cabs on the streets of London, but today there are only twenty-four and three of those are "hansoms." In seven months' time one liner, the Queen Mary, has transported 40,000 passengers across the Atlantic, air transportation has robbed the English Channel of its terrors, and all over the world the streamlined train and forms of motor cars are making the travel of yesterday obsolete and impossible.

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ITALY'S CONQUEST OF ETHIOPIA is reported to have cost the country 35,000 dead and 50,000 disabled soldiers. Now that emigration to Ethiopia has been forbidden, there is no outlet for her "surplus population." So the people of Italy were rewarded with 35,000 African graves for their dead sons, a few hundred hospitals for the care of their wounded, and a tax bill commensurate with both cause and cure. Such is war, and such the course and consequence of pagan political dictatorships.

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TRAFFIC DEATHS for the year 1936, it is thought, will reach the staggering total of 38,000. According to figures of the National Safety Council, traffic deaths for the first ten months were 29,680, or approximately 2,968 per month. It is believed that the increased fatalities of the holidays will bring the total to 38,000. Fatalities for 1934 were 36,100 and for 1935, 37,000, and the steady march of death on the highways of the nation, keeping pace with increased liquor consumption, should furnish an occasion for some wholesome reflection upon the part of the American public.

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A ZERO CHURCH is the classification which the Congregationalists in the United States give to a church which fails to report any additions on profession of faith during the year. The term assumes a serious meaning when it is known that of the 6,209 churches of that denomination, 2,573 are listed as "zero" churches. That proportion probably would not hold for other denominations, especially the more evangelistic bodies, but even at that the number of "zero" churches in all groups is sufficiently large to cause serious concern on the part of those who have an interest in building the Kingdom of God.

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EDITORIAL

THE MISSIONARY COUNCIL

It is no easy task to appraise the value of the inspirations of a great occasion, particularly when many widely different people have made contribution to its total impact. The problems of the Council were more immediate and its objectives more definite than were those of the great Missionary Conference of 1901. The set-up of the Conference of 1901 was different and it addressed itself in an inspirational way to the whole missionary responsibility of the Church. In the Council just ended, the variety of talent was not so great as that assembled a generation ago, but we doubt if the earlier Conference registered an impact upon the life of the Church greater than that which shall be produced by the Council session just ended. From first to last the auditorium was packed with a band of forward-looking, earnest, and optimistic people who are definitely committed to the missionary program of the Church, and who no less sincerely desire to see the Church render a worthy service to the whole world. One cannot believe that such interest coupled with the inspiration of a great cause and a great leadership can fail to have a telling effect upon the life of our people.

It is impossible to convey to those who were not present an understanding of the factors which made it a great occasion. Such impressions must be had directly and they cannot be mediated. We can only indicate the interest and enthusiasm by saying that the auditorium was filled throughout the day, and despite the long hours there was no lagging of the interest. On the first evening the auditoriums of First Church, Rayne Memorial, and Carrollton Ave., churches were packed at simultaneous services. On the second evening, two general services were held, at First Church and Rayne Memorial, and at the Shrine Mosque twenty-five hundred people heard Dr. E. Stanley Jones in a great closing message. We believe that those who attended the Council were brought definitely face to face with the problems of the Church at this hour, that they went away with a determination to re-enthrone Christ in their living, and to take a worthy part in re-establishing the authority and revitalizing the ministry of the Church at home and abroad. As the teams enlisted in the Bishops' Crusade move across the Church, they will carry the inspiration and message of a great Conference and a greater cause. We confidently expect a rekindling of the enthusiasms of the people and a new day of prosperity for our Zion.

GREETINGS FROM OLD VIRGINIA

The editor, Dr. Duren, has asked me to make an editorial contribution to this issue of the New Orleans Christian Advocate. I appreciate the privilege and will use the space allotted in a few words of greeting to those who read this historic paper.

When I come to this section my mind turns back through the years to three great leaders of the Church whose influence still lives. One is the rugged Bishop John C. Keener who was editor of the New Orleans Advocate before his election to the Episcopacy. I once heard Dr. John J. Lafferty who was for 26 years editor of the paper I have tried to edit for fifteen years, say: "Bishop Keener said a man could not edit a church paper ten years without losing all the friends he had, but he left the editorship for the Episcopacy, and I am beginning to wish I had done the same thing."

Another great soul who always comes to my mind is the matchless preacher Bishop Charles B. Galloway, who was also editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate. I am sure he was a great editor, but he was greater as a preacher. It was in 1901 at the first great missionary gathering ever held by Southern Methodism he delivered the impassioned address in New Orleans. His theme was "Lessons from the Lives of Master Missionaries." This ranks as one of the most polished and thrilling public addresses ever delivered from a Methodist platform. It rose on an ascending scale of fervent eloquence until it burst forth in the glory of the Hallelujah Chorus. A wave of spiritual emotion that brought forth a spontaneous offering of fifty-three thousand dollars which was used in the founding of Soochow University. Before the gathering Dr. W. R. Lambuth and others in

China prayed earnestly that God would direct this meeting so that $50,000 would come from this meeting for this purpose. They first asked for $25,000, but as the meeting drew near their rising faith doubled the asking.

The third great soul I mention is Bishop H. N. McTyeire, who was also editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate. He left Virginia to take charge of the Methodist church in the growing town of Mobile, Alabama, back in the early forties. A wave of yellow fever had swept this section taking away many of the people, including some of the pastors. The young preacher had a fine hearing on Sunday and on Monday the official board met. The first business was a resolution to purchase a lot in the cemetery in which to bury their pastors. I preached in that church last Sunday as the guest of the presiding elder. I told this story and asked if this included presiding elders.

In addition to these three bishops who served as editors of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, Bishop Linus Parker, beloved minister and friend of men, was also its editor. This is remarkable that four editors became bishops. No other paper in our church has any such record. The Richmond Christian Advocate is one hundred and five years old. It has had eleven editors and only one became a bishop. But maybe this question is becoming too personal for further discussion.

J. M. ROWLAND, Editor,
Richmond Christian Advocate.

THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

As this issue of the Advocate goes to press, the Bishops' Crusade begins the initial phase of its two-section march across the Church. The two sections begin simultaneously on January 12, and end together on February 12. In the Crusade, the leaders of our Methodism are giving themselves without reserve, in order that an imperative message may be carried to every important center of our Church. It is no time for petty criticisms of method or detail and there is no place for pessimists and doubters. The entire Church should gird itself for an hour for which the ends of the earth have waited long and patiently. If the Methodism of the South shall go to the task as one man, a unit in its determination and passion, we will be on the way to a new and a wider witnessing, to a return of revival power and fervor, and to a forward movement in our too long retarded missionary progress.

THE EDITORS MEET

On Wednesday evening of the meeting of the Missionary Council, the editors of the Church press held a dinner meeting at Arnaud's restaurant in New Orleans. It was probably the best attended meeting that has been held in many years. All the General and Conference papers were represented except the Florida Christian Advocate. The hour was largely given over to good fellowship and there was no set discussion of any phase of the editorial task. But, along with the fellowship, there was a report made of the situation and outlook prevailing in every section. In every case, the representatives of the church publications gave an optimistic summary of conditions, both as to the financial support and the attitude of the constituency toward the paper. It was the feeling of the editors that there is everywhere a growing interest in the church paper and, therefore, an upswing in the ministry of the printed page. The officers of the previous year were reelected with the exception of Dr. Boyd, the secretary who, having retired from his editorial position, is not now a member of the organization. Dr. J. M. Rowland, of the Richmond Christian Advocate, was elected to succeed Dr. Boyd.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

MAKESHIFTS AND SUBSTITUTES

Proud owners of T-Models used to boast that they could take a piece of wire and fix almost anything about it that got out of order. A woman can almost work miracles with a hairpin. A button off is sometimes a near-catastrophe—but a safety-pin, a nail, a thorn, or even a wooden peg can nearly always repair the damage. Tender pokeberry shoots were sometimes used by the pioneers in place of garden greens—and pokeberry juice has been used for ink. False teeth often look better than natural ones and—sometimes!—are just as useful. Wigs and toupees artfully used on bald heads deceive the very elect. Rouge and lipstick put the bloom of youth on complexions that nature forgot. Rayon is as pretty as silk. Fine lumber is made of sugar cane stalks, and sugar is made of coal tar. Rabbit-skins, artfully doctored, are made to look like fox, seal, mink—or what do you want? Iron car-wheels are made of woodpulp, and rubber gadgets of all kinds are made of soy beans. Fine paints can be made of red clay. Only experts can tell glass diamonds from the genuine. Clothes are made of wood-fibre. Alcohol can be used in place of gasoline as fuel for automobile engines. Skillets and frying pans are made of glass. Artificial leather looks better and wears longer than cowhide. Cured gray moss takes the place of hair as filling for mattresses and cushions. Chemists can make better ivory than elephants. Cotton-seed oil makes better lard than hog-fat, and oleomargarine mixes as well as butter with hot biscuits and molasses.

And so on—makeshifts and substitutes for practically everything.

But nobody has yet found anything to take the place of a pure mind and clean heart, a happy home,

News and Views

WHY A COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE AT AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE?

At the last session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held in Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss., November 18-22, 1936, the usual committees were elected by unanimous vote o fthe Conference. Among the committees was a committee on Sabbath observance, composed of W. J. Ferguson, F. M. Casey, L. T. Nelson, E. A. King, H. E. Raley, H. J. Morrow, L. T. Fickling, L. Carruth, O. H. Wingfield, and P. L. S. W. Sharbrough, Mrs. J. L. Neill, W. H. Blackwell. I do not know how many of these were present and participated in the formation of the report. At the proper time the report of the committee on Sabbath observance was read by Mrs. J. L. Neill. The report was brief and to the point. Among other things this report recommended that the bishop be requested if possible not to read the appointments on Sunday, and where possible, the presiding elders refrain from holding the business sessions of the quarterly conferences on the Sabbath day. Instantly cries came from the Conference floor to recommit the report and a motion was made and seconded to recommit the report. I rose to my feet in behalf of the report, but made no impression, seemingly, on the mind of the Conference. The report was recommitted and finally when it was returned to the floor it was tabled.

I cannot give the exact wording of either report, as there is no record of them, but the appeal was for Sabbath observance, and the report died in the borning. I began to wonder why. I have decided that it was because we were held up as violators of the sanctity of the Holy Sabbath Day and we did not appreciate it. I then began wondering what the Conference wanted that committee to report on, and I was reminded of the pastor who engaged an evangelist to hold a meeting for him and straightway began to tell him what not to touch on, and after covering pretty well all the ground, the evangelist said "Well, what shall I preach about?" and the pastor said, "Give the Jews hail columbia for there are none of them here."

I do not propose, here to discuss the merits or demerits of that report, for the report is not before us, but I do wish to make one of two general observations First, I wish to say that any one can find ample justification, in one's own mind, for most any thing one wishes to continue to do. Second, it is hard for the average layman to understand why a minister's work is sacred while that of the layman is profane. I am reminded of a case where it makes all the difference, whose ox is gored, while I was presiding elder of the Seashore District, I went to the home of one of our pastors on Saturday to hold his quarterly conference, and he was telling me, in a very distressed way, about some boys going out fishing in the quiet waters of the sound, far away from the bustle of the city on the Holy Sabbath Day, and while I, too, was sorry that the boys were so careless of the sanctity of the Sabbath, I wondered "if they were sinners above all men because they did such things." I spent the night in this parsonage home with this good brother and the next morning, which was Sunday, I caught him buying milk from the milk man, on the Holy Sabbath Day. Now, aside, in a whisper, my sympathies were with the boys.

Don't bother us please about what we are doing, but give the Jews hail columbia.

The third observation is this, a great many of our very best laymen draw a question mark after the things that the aforesaid report was trying to correct, and if eating meat is to cause my brother to offend, I will eat no meat.

My dear brethren, I fear we are Christian, only so far as it suits our convenience to be Christian.

No harm meant at all. I was just wondering, Why a committee on Sabbath observance at an Annual Conference?

L. L. ROBERTS.

LOUISIANA YOUNG PEOPLE

By W. D. Boddie

Baton Rouge District. Union Meetings —On the first Sunday in November at Natalbany there was held a union meeting with 96 persons present. According to Arolyn Hastings, of Hammond, and the others present an excellent program was rendered.

Again on January 3 the same union met with 73 present at Kentwood. The theme of the program was "Alcohol, One of the Evils Which so Easily Beset Present-day Youth." Among those present was Vance McLean, District Director.

Lake Charles District. Viewpoint of Associate Director—Thelma Plaisance heartily endorses the dates of Assembly this summer, August 2-7. What do some of the rest of you think about it?

"Electric Spark," the latest issue, Vol. 3, No. 1, came out on January 6. Here are some excerpts from it:

Sulphur Organizes Seniors-Young People—All of us are glad to learn of reorganization of Senior Young People's Department at Sulphur. Miss Esma John, their president, has written that there is a great deal of interest among the members. We think that Sulphur is on the way to greater things in young people's work. Their other officers are Charlotte Sturdivant, vice-president; Stewart Spaites, secretary; Jack Boddie, treasurer; Allie Ellender, publicity superintendent.

An announcement was made of the union meeting held in Lake Charles on January 8. The Live Wire Union membership is composed of the Southern Methodist Young People's Departments at Vinton, Moss Bluff, Lake Charles and Sulphur. They are also associated in their meetings with the young people of the DeQuincy and Iowa churches.

Lake Arthur Camps—Christian Adventure Camp, ages 12-15, June 7-12, 1937; Epworth Training Camp, ages 16-23, June 13-19, 1937.

Christmas Carols. Through the kindness of Mrs. R. Lee Donaldson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Weber the Live Wires enjoyed a whole evening singing Christmas carols for those who were not able to be out to see the lovely sights at Christmas time. All of these told of the joy held in the hearts of our people. The union added their expression of joy in song. Approximately 15 homes were visited, at each of which about four songs were sung. To climax the evening the crowd stopped at the church, where delicious refreshments were served.

Missions. Young People's Conference Work—The final contribution from the "Spark," edited by Mary Moreland, assisted by Claudius Mayo, asks "Does your department make regular payments to Missions and to Young People's Conference work? If not, why not put your group on the map with the rest of the young people of the District with a pledge to these important funds? Probably some of the rest of the Districts and churches should do likewise!

Louisiana Conference

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[illegible] appreciate [illegible] for the [illegible] of [illegible] who [illegible] to the work of the last Conference.

Among the callers at the Advocate office this week: Rev. [illegible], Rev. [illegible], and presiding elder [illegible].

Rev. W. [illegible], Haynesville, writes [illegible] for [illegible] of the [illegible] of Haynesville. This is creditable to the Advocate campaign in which he bears a noble part.

The editor of the Advocate accepted the [illegible] of Dr. John Lawton [illegible], Shreveport, [illegible] services last Sunday. At the morning hour he spoke on Bishop Asbury, "The Great Captain" in the building of American Methodism.

Rev. and Mrs. [illegible] Hopkins of Waterproof paid an appreciated call to the Advocate office. We regret that we missed them for we would have enjoyed their visit and also hearing a word from our friends at Waterproof.

Among the callers at the office whom we missed, was our good and loyal friend Brother [illegible] of Lake Charles. He seemed to enjoy the Connectional [illegible] and we hope that as they soon come our way again and give us another chance to visit with him.

Louisiana had the largest Conference representation at the Council. We noted the presence of all the presiding elders and about seventy pastors. There were also many laymen from over the state in attendance. This does not mean that Louisiana Methodists had a greater interest than others, but that they recognized it as an opportunity in their midst.

Correction. Last week the announcement of the arrival of Master Joseph Sheppard Hackberry appeared in the Advocate, but it appears that it was in error. Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Sheppard are the grandparents. The little youngster's name is Joseph Sheppard Durham Sikes, Jr. The notice came to us on the "Arrival" card, and in our haste, we did not see all that was written on it. Both mother and baby are reported to be doing well.

[illegible] CRUSADE

[illegible] Mass Rally

[illegible] CONFERENCE

[illegible] First Methodist Church

JANUARY 22, 1937

[illegible]

[illegible] Mass Meeting—Joint Session and Consecration Service.

Evening—Missionary and Evangelistic Mass Meeting.

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The greatest Methodist mobilization ever [illegible]. There will be a rally near you. ATTEND IT.

MINISTERS' WEEK AT SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, FEBRUARY 8-12

Announcements have been sent to more than a thousand ministers in the southwest relative to Ministers' Week which will open with a lecture in McFarlin Memorial Auditorium on the evening of February 8. The speaker at that time will be Dr. Albert C. Knudson, dean of the Boston School of Religion, who has chosen for his general subject, "The Validity of Christian Experience." He is the Fondren Lecturer for 1937. He is exceptionally attractive as a speaker, an authority in the field of Christian doctrine, and will unquestionably have something to say to the Church at this time which devout and earnest souls regardless of denomination realize should be said.

Another speaker for the week is well known to the Protestant world. This is William Adams Brown, who as a teacher, author, and directing mind in national and international religious movements has come to be regarded as one of the truly prophetic spirits of our generation. His interest, his experience, his opportunities for observance and study eminently qualify him to speak on "The Living Issues for the Protestant Minister of Today." I merely mention some of the special subjects with which he will deal: [illegible]

[illegible] the organization of [illegible] The [illegible] of our age who would [illegible] and [illegible] approach to the [illegible] of [illegible] Dr. [illegible] for more than [illegible] the [illegible] influence of Dr. [illegible] Alexander [illegible] General Board of Education [illegible] the services of Dr. [illegible] University who is [illegible] assemblies and [illegible] throughout America. In addition to his lectures he along with [illegible] other speakers will lead us in seminars during the afternoon on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

We also hope that Dr. John H. Hicks of our faculty who has just returned from [illegible] months of intensive study and work in the Holy Land will give us some insight as to what is being done by the various research undertakings in Palestine and something of the life in the land of the Master as it is being lived out at this hour with intensive hate amid well-defined cleavages.

A number of the bishops of our church will likely be with us and we will be indebted to them for leadership in our devotional hours.

In 1936 some [illegible] ministers were enrolled from the states of the southwest. The first to arrive was a group from Oklahoma. We are planning entertainment on the same basis as we provided last year—bed and breakfast for one dollar and twenty-five cents per day. Other meals may be had at the dormitories or at local cafes. It will not be possible for us to care for all who will ask for entertainment on the campus, but desirable homes may be had close to the university provided reservations are received in advance. We cannot guarantee special rates if you defer your request until you come to the opening session. No registration fee is being charged. The university and the School of Theology are seeking to be of service to the Church of the southwest. Laymen as well as the ministers of all Protestant churches are privileged to share in this program.

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LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR 1936-37

We, the pastors, charge lay leaders and district stewards of the Lake Charles District of the Louisiana Annual Conference, resolve to co-operate enthusiastically with the Conference Board of Missions in the plan concerning evangelism, tithing and the development of a truly evangelistic and missionary church, and to enumerate some definite accomplishments, we pledge ourselves to plan, pray and work to the end that during this year we may have at least:

1000 additions to our churches.

A survey of every community.

A revival in every church.

1000 tithers for a period of at least three months.

100% increase in regular church attendance.

A School of Missions in every church.

The observance of Missionary Sunday in every church school.

The observance of all special days as they come in the calendar.

2. An every-member canvass with every member pledging and paying to the support of the church.

Prompt monthly payment of pastors' salaries. At least one-half of the benevolences paid by the district conference.

3. At least 400 subscriptions to the New Orleans Christian Advocate and loyal support of our other church publications.

4. Enthusiastic promotion of the work of Christian Education by striving to accomplish as a minimum the following:

Three sub-district rallies for adults during the year.

The observance of adult night in every church March 4, with an appropriate program for inspiration and information.

Emphasize evangelism in and through the church school.

Five training schools for Christian workers.

Ten training classes.

All pastors and as many laymen as possible attending the Pastors' School in Shreveport, June 21-25.

Enthusiastic support of district camps for young people to be held June 7-12 and June 14-19.

One or more representatives from every church in young people's assembly, Aug. 2-6.

Observance of Church School Day in every church with a creditable offering.

Every church school to emphasize and promote regular attendance upon the worship services of the church.

Observance of childhood and youth week.

A Daily Vacation Bible School whereever possible.

A DILEMMA

"A Louisiana attorney hired to trace the abstract of a deed by a New York firm, went back to 1803, the year Louisiana was bought from France. As A. R. Hoor tells the story, the firm wrote the lawyer he would have to trace ownership of the land further back than that, which he did in due time, reporting by letter as follows: 'Dear Sirs: I traced your deed back to 1803. Here it is complete. As you probably know, Louisiana was purchased from France in 1803; France had acquired Louisiana from the Spanish as the result of a successful war against the Spainards. The Spainards acquired Louisiana as the result of the explorations of an Italian named Columbus. Columbus was financially backed by Isabella and Ferdinand. Isabella and Ferdinand were given permission for Columbus' expedition by the Pope. The Pope is the vicar of Christ. Christ is the Son of God. God made Louisiana!'"

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. C. S. L. PATTON

Mrs. Catherine Henry Patton was born in Claiborn Parish, March 28, 1869. At an early age she united with the Methodist Church in which fellowship she lived and labored for more than fifty years. On February 10, 1892, she was married to C. S. L. Patton. To this union were born two sons and four daughters. She departed this life November 11, 1936. Surviving her are her husband and five children—Mrs. J. T. Robinson, Mrs. J. W. Collins, Mrs. Blanche P. Hensley, Mrs. W. W. Nichols and C. E. Patton.

On Armistice day after the noon meal had been prepared and served by her own hands, without any warning the call came and her spirit slipped away to her eternal home.

The life of a mother writes its own memorial in the lives of her children, in the influence left in the life of the community where it is lived out and in the service rendered to the church of the living Christ. All of these bear testimony of the fact that Sister Patton lived a good life. For a number of years she was actively identified with the Lisbon Methodist Church. It was to that church, as teacher of the Woman's Bible Class, member of the local Board of Christian Education and Missionary Society that she rendered her latest and best service. The home, the community and every department of the church has suffered a distinct loss in her going. But there will linger a beautiful memory and a good influence flowing from that memory to bless the lives of that home, church and community for many years to come.

W. F. ROBERTS.

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Mississippi Conference

REV. A. J. DAVIS

On last Thursday, we received the news of the death of Rev. A. J. Davies, a superannuate of the Mississippi Conference. He died on Wednesday from a stroke, though he appears not to have been strong for some time. He was received on trial in 1907, and after twenty-five years of active service, was retired. We presume that a suitable memoir will be provided.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

All the presiding elders and about 35 or 40 pastors attended the meeting of the Missionary Council in New Orleans last week.

Mr. W. D. Hawkins, faithful and useful layman of Meridian, was in attendance at the Missionary Council in New Orleans last week. Brother Hawkins is the lay leader of the Meridian District and is a representative layman of the Conference.

Mrs. O. S. Lewis, wife of the pastor of East End, Meridian, was a visitor at the Council meeting in New Orleans last week. There were also many others who preside at the manse who shared with their husbands the joy and inspiration of the great occasion.

Among those who called at the Advocate office last week were: Rev. J. F. Campbell, Rev. W. B. Alsworth, Rev. E. A. Kelly, Rev. J. B. Cain, Rev. G. H. Jones, Rev. T. O. Prewitt, and Rev. H. L. Daniel. We are sorry to have missed the most of our visitors, as we were constantly at the Council meetings.

Rev. B. M. Lawrence, of Coalville charge, writes that he is a new man on a new charge with plenty to do. He is evidently going at it in a very systematic manner, and his evidence of interest in the whole task gives promise of a very happy and useful year of service.

Rev. Charles F. Smith, of Houston, Texas, was a caller at the Advocate office a few days ago, in our absence which we regret. We published his address before the Mississippi Conference at its session in Laurel and we are sorry that we missed the opportunity to know him better and in a personal way.

Rev. John W. Chisholm, formerly of the Mississippi Conference, but now pastor of First Church, Midlothian, Texas, sends his thirty-second renewal to the Advocate. It will be of interest to Brother Chisholm's friends to know that his son, John W. Chisholm, Jr., has been awarded a teaching fellowship at the University of Louisiana, where he is working on his master's degree, majoring in economics.

BOARD OF FINANCE OF MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

A statement from the Executive Committee of the Board of Finance of the Mississippi Annual Conference, relative to the Three Per Cent Special ordered by the recent session of the Conference.

We are giving you below the quota for each charge and the payment received up to January 5. This quota is figured on the salary payments—not on assessments as published in the Conference Journal.

Brookhaven District—

	Due	Paid
Adams	$ 47.31	$ 25.00
Bayou Pierre, ...	27.15	6.00
Crystal Springs	60.36	34.00
Barlow	34.14	....
Brookhaven	89.46	153.53
Foxworth	30.42	....
Gallman	37.95	....
Georgetown	41.28	....
Harrisville, ...	23.88	....
Hazlehurst	79.74	125.00
Magnolia	60.36	87.00
McComb, Centenary	100.62	53.46
McComb, LaBranch	53.31	22.00
McComb, Pearl River ..	66.36	12.00
Meadeville and B.	67.14	43.00
Monticello and P.	51.30	....
Osyka, ...	30.78	....
Prentiss	60.36	60.00
Scotland	30.00	7.40
Silver Creek	40.20	30.25
Summit and Topisaw	47.55	....
Utica	58.41	52.12
Wesson	50.31	50.00
Tylertown	63.36	47.50
Hattiesburg District—		
Bay Springs	62.10	50.55
Bonhommie	32.85	14.00
Bucatunna	22.70	20.60
Collins	43.32	30.60
Ellisville	49.80	10.80
Eucutta	12.72	....
Hattiesburg, B.	65.74	15.50
Hattiesburg, C.	70.95	11.50
Hattiesburg, M.	85.80	42.50
Heidelberg, ...	21.00	16.00
Laurel, First Church....	82.20	50.00
Laurel, Kingston	46.50	38.50
Laurel, West	34.02	....
Magee	56.40	56.56
Matherville, ...	16.56	....
Montrose	38.70	....
Mount Olive	35.01	43.00
New Augusta	28.83	28.75
Petal	51.90	11.25
Richton	50.00	50.00
Shubuta	40.20	26.00
Taylorsville	30.00	....
Sumrall	26.10	24.45
Waynesboro	67.80	25.00
Waynesboro Circuit	18.33	25.60
Williamsburg	24.81	....
Moselle and Sem.	31.80	21.50
Jackson District—		
Benton	43.20	42.00
Bolton and Raymond	54.60	57.50
Brandon and Pele.	55.65	44.75
Camden	34.50	34.50
Canton	60.75	15.75
Carthage	43.98	20.01
Carthage circuit	30.90	....
Clinton	28.80	....
Fannin	25.35	20.00
Flora and Bente.	47.05	11.16
Florence	39.60	22.76
Forest	53.10	42.00
Harperville	33.00	....
Homewood	40.50	18.00
Jackson, Capt.	123.00	129.00
Jackson, G. M.	162.00	359.00
Jackson, B. S.	7.16	....
Jackson, Glen.	46.74	....
Jackson Grace	51.60	53.00
Jackson, Millsaps	57.75	33.50
Lake	33.00	12.00
Lena	31.80	10.00
Madison and P.	61.20	54.00
Mendenhall and D.	47.13	50.00
Morton	63.66	32.80
Shiloh	42.00	....
Terry	39.00	29.00
Vaughan	33.00	34.00
Walnut Grove	33.30	7.00
Raleigh	56.40	....
Meridian District—		
Burnside	16.87	....
Chunky	30.93	10.33
Cleveland	23.73	6.66
Daleville	23.73	5.00
Decatur and H.	33.30	14.00
DeKalb	50.70	25.00
DeSoto	26.73	19.00
Meridian, Cen.	124.51	150.00
Meridian, East End	71.40	105.00
Meridian, Fifth Street ..	71.40	63.00
Meridian, Poplar	39.60	29.00
Meridian, Hawkins Me.	40.80	28.87
Meridian, W.	23.55	19.00
Newton	60.00	....
Pachuta	39.90	22.50
Philadelphia	78.45	70.00
Philadelphia, C.	50.40	....
Porterville	20.40	....
Quitman	40.65	41.00
Rose Hill	34.23	7.00
Scooba	33.60	....
Union	59.10	26.00
Vimville	24.24	....
Lauderdale	33.00	16.60
Enterprise	50.10	50.25
Seashore District—		
Americus	25.64	....
Bay St. Louis	43.00	43.00
Biloxi, Main	67.80	....
Biloxi, Epworth	18.54	20.51
Brooklyn and B.	27.00	....
Carrie	24.10	6.00
Coalville	27.54	....
Columbia	120.00	175.00
Escatawpa	26.64	6.00
Gulfport, First	100.29	....
Gulfport and H.	20.10	....
Kreole	33.18	11.00
Leakesville	16.83	13.00
Logtown	15.57	7.00
Long Beach	35.31	30.00
Lucedale	43.74	13.00
Lumberton	40.00	40.00
Mentorum	14.40	5.00
Moss Point	60.18	60.25
Ocean Springs	39.00	6.21
Oloh	21.72	....

Pascagoula	45.51	25.00
Picayune	66.60	60.44
Poplarville	60.18	....
Purvis	39.96	25.00
Saucier	31.92	25.00
Vancleave	27.60	14.00
Wiggins	40.50	30.00
Vicksburg District—		
Anguilla	49.95	50.00
Centerville	46.95	20.00
Eden	34.80	10.00
Edwards	43.26	46.50
Fayette	50.25	25.00
Gloster	56.10	10.00
Hermanville	41.76	20.00
Lorman	21.72	....
Louise and H.	52.20	26.10
Mayersville	18.00	....
Natchez	80.25	81.00
Nebo	24.80	....
Oak Ridge	27.00	....
Port Gibson	65.40	60.80
Roxie	28.95	28.55
Silver City	39.00	....
Satartia	33.60	33.60
Crawford St., V.	85.05	35.00
Gibson Memorial	42.90	39.00
Washington	29.34	10.00
Woodville	43.50	41.00
Yazoo City	75.90	31.00
Rolling Fork	67.35	65.85

These figures according to Treasurer's report showed a total contribution to him of $4,552.45.

The Treasurer had already sent to each of the thirty-two superannuate preachers a Christmas check for $25.00; to each of the forty-four widows a check for $12.50, and to the eleven children a check for $6.25 each, making a total of $1,418.75.

In addition to this Christmas check, your committee instructed the treasurer of this board to send to each of the superannuate preachers a check in the sum of three dollars multiplied by the number of years given to active service in this Conference. And to each of the widows the sum of $1.50 multiplied by the number of years she had been the wife of a preacher in the active service.

This report shows that thirty-one pastoral charges have sent their quota in full or more. That eighty-four more charges have paid something, and some of these almost the full quota. But there are thirty-nine charges that had not sent anything to the treasurer by the 5th of January.

Now, if you pastors who have not sent in your full quota, will endeavor to get the balance of it by the first of April we will be able during that month to make another payment to our superannuates; but we can't do it unless the money is sent in.

To you pastors who have sent in nothing up to this date, please make this special effort now. This is the easiest money to raise that you are asked to raise, and these superannuated men need every dollar of it. So do not fail us in this special effort to provide better support for our superannuate preachers.

L. E. ALFORD,
For the Executive Committee.

DALEVILLE, MISS.

Dear Doctor Duren: May I say through the columns of the Advocate that I feel that the "lines have fallen to me in pleasant places," as I meet with the lovely spirit of the people of the Daleville charge. A gracious "pounding" has been one of the number of ways in which this kindly spirit has manifested itself since our arrival here.

Myself and family are placed under great obligations to God for a faithful ministry to these good people.

May I add my appreciation to you for the good paper which you are sending us.

J. C. JACKSON, Pastor.

PULASKI, MISS., JAN. 5, 1937

To Brother Brownlee, presiding elder of the Jackson District and the Christian Advocate and its readers:

On December 31, 1936, the board of stewards of Homewood charge met at 10 a. m., at the parsonage in Homewood, Miss., with Brother Westbrooks, our pastor, to transact the following business for the ensuing year. All churches on the charge being represented. Devotional led by our pastor, reading the 12th chapter of Romans and commenting thereon. Brother Scott Maughim concluded with prayer, after which Brother Walter Jones, of Morris, Miss., the chairman of the Board of Stewards, called for the following business:

Benevolences called up for consideration, after discussion pro and con, the charge agreed to assume the amount of $200, for the year 1937. With each church assuming its pro rata part as in 1936. District work apportioned as follows: Homewood church, $6.20; High Hill church ,$3.10; Carr church, $3.60 and Gascue church, $3.10. For presiding elder: Homewood church, $42.50; High Hill church, $21.30; Carr church, $25.00; Gascue church, $21.30.

The pastor's salary coming on for consideration after discussing the board, decided to fix it as it was last year, 1936, and each church to assume its part as last year.

There being no further business to come before the board at present, the body entered into a round table discussion pertaining to its churches and their spiritual welfare and ongoing for the ensuing year and a better plan to meet our financial obligations. After this meeting each chairman of their respective churches is to call a meeting of the stewards and apportion among their members the amount that they are expecting of them in meeting their obligations this year and the amount per quarter, and the stewards agreeing to see and urge all members to meet their obligations if possible, so at the end of the year we will be on our feet and ready to report everything in full.

At this moment it being twelve o'clock there being an alarm at the door. Brother Westbrooks attending to the alarm, and behold, Brother Brownlee, what do you think the alarm was about? Ha! hold your breath and I will tell the rest, Sister Westbrooks was at the door telling the body to make ready and file into the dining room, where awaits you a delicious 12 o'clock dinner, being sponsored by the good ladies and the Missionary Society of Homewood Church. After being assembled at the table as comfortably as possible, Brother Jones returned thanks and we enjoyed this splendid dinner together, after which Brother Jones expressed our gratitude and appreciation to the good ladies in putting over their part of the occasion, and let me add just here if we only would put God first in all our undertakings as these good women did in putting over their part of the work all would be well and we would receive a blessing that our store houses would not be able to hold.

After a few minutes intermission the body resumes business appointing a committee to investigate the parsonage and its needs and report at next quarterly meeting at Homewood, on January 31, 1937. There being no further business, Brother Westbrook dismissed us with an earnest prayer.

Brother Brownlee, we missed you so much at this meeting. Just keep on praying, for the Lord is nigh. Keep on praying, he will hear your cry. God has promised and he is true. Keep on praying and he will answer you. That is our faith.

JIM CRAIG, Secretary.

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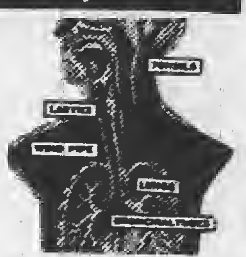

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. R. P. Neblett of Brooksville, and Rev. S. A. Neblett, presiding elder in Cuba, were callers at the office during the Council Meeting. We are sorry to have missed them.

Mr. E. H. Johnson, for more than thirty years an official in Brooksville church, died on December 28, and was buried the following day. The services were from the church, Rev. R. P. Neblett, pastor, was in charge and was assisted by Rev. L. P. Wasson, and Dr. A. L. Winstead of the Baptist Church.

We appreciate the inquiry of Miss Ila Tindall regarding her subscription to the Advocate, and the tender references to her sainted mother's delight in the paper up to the time of her going home some months ago.

Rev. S. W. Miller, of Frisco, Texas, says that he can't afford to be without the paper of the old Conference which he dearly loves. In a few days he expects to preach his ninetieth birthday sermon. He joined the Conference along about the time of Rev. J. J. Brooks.

Rev. R. G. Lord says many nice things about his people at Tunica. His budget has been fully pledged, more than one-fourth of it raised in cash, eight new members received, good congregations and a happy pastor. We appreciate the invitation to pay him a visit.

The Preachers' Meeting of the Aberdeen District was held at Houston, on January 5. Rev. J. W. Dawson was the preacher for the occasion, and the program centered about the church paper—Christian literature. The next meeting will be held on February 9, at Aberdeen, and Rev. G. R. Meaders will be the preacher. The subject of discussion will be Church Attendance.

We saw about twenty ministers of the North Mississippi Conference in attendance at the Council last week. Among those present were: J. R. Countiss, A. T. McIlwain, L. P. Wasson, C. T. Floyd, W. P. Buhrman, T. B. Thrower, J. C. Wasson, W. R. Lott, J. E. Stephens, S. E. Ashmore, R. G. Moore, R. P. Neblett, E. N. Broyles, E. S. Lewis, A. Y. Brown, J. H. Holder, S. H. Caffey, R. T. Hollingsworth, and M. E. Scott. There were probably some others whom we do not recall.

MINISTERS' WEEK AT EMORY JANUARY 18-22, 1937

General Information

The Quillian Lectures will be given during Ministers' Week by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman. His general theme will be "Recoveries in Religion."

Dr. Sockman has been minister of Christ Church, Methodist Episcopal, in New York City, since 1917. He recently succeeded the late Dr. S. Parkes Cadman as the guest preacher each Sunday morning over the N. B. C. network. He is the author of many works, among them being "Suburbs of Christianity," (1924), "Morals of Tomorrow," (1931), and "The Unemployed Carpenter," (1933).

Dr. Richard H. Edwards, since 1910 executive secretary of the Cornell United Religious work at Cornell University, Ithica, N. Y., will be the leader of the daily seminar on "Personal Counselling." Dr. Edwards is a Presbyterian minister, and an author of note. Some of the books written by him include 'Student Counseling," (1927), "Organizing Myself," (1932), and "The Place of Persons in the Educational Process," (1933). The Department of Schools and Colleges, of the General Board of Christian Education, M. E. Church, South, is co-operating to make possible Dr. Edwards being with us this year.

This program represents the earnest effort of the Candler School of Theology to serve ministers and churches in these crucial days by providing intellectual and spiritual stimulus during a week of concentrated study and fellowship. These three basic ideas lie at the heart of the week: (1) Fellowship, (2) Disciplined Thinking, and (3) Corporate Worship. If these are to be realized, there must be earnest effort and continued attendance on the part of all. Each person is requested to remain for all five days, unless called back home by pastoral duties of an emergency nature.

While the work is being planned primarily for ministers, any interested person will be welcome. Women may enroll for the full privileges of Ministers' Week; the wives of the visiting ministers are cordially invited to attend. Two special courses are being arranged for them each day at 9 a. m. and 11 a. m., as per the information given above under the Daily Program.

A PRAYER DELIVERED BY JAMES SHERA MONTGOMERY, CHAPLAIN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AT THE OPENING OF CONGRESS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1937.

Almighty God, our Father in heaven and on earth, Thou who hast measured the waters in the hollow of His hand and comprehended the dust of earth, be mercifully near us and make us conscious of Thy holy presence. Thou who hast endowed us with marvelous faculties of mind and soul, let in a flood of light on the deeper meaning of our high calling. Crown us with zeal, courage and fidelity that we may be of the company of those immortals who live in lives made better. Forgive, O Lord, our selfish joys and our selfish sorrows and inspire us to consecrate our best selves to all that is worthy. We fervently pray that our President may be attended by Thy grace, mercy and truth. Let Thy spirit come mightily with rich blessings upon our Speaker and upon every Member of the Congress that they may be guided by the highest conceptions of right and duty. Be pleased to regard in Divine favor all officials and employees. Lord God of Hosts, speak Thou to the nations in Thy wrath and in Thy displeasure. Stay Thou the blows and the flames that fill the cup of the world's sufferings, O come to our own beloved Home-land with a new voice and with a much needed accent and let there be a tremendous surging of peace and brotherhood in the very soul of the Republic. Do Thou make it rich in happy homes, in wise statesmanship and in abounding faith in an Infinitely holy God and in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.—Release, National Methodist Press.

TEMPERANCE EDUCATION FUND

Public Gains Warrant Public Support

Definite need for scientific instruction in the schools as to what beverage alcohol is and what it does can hardly be questioned by those who hear the confused discussion of young people on the subject these days. And of course their bewilderment is not surprising, considering the widely different reports they get from adults whose ideas are based only on personal prejudices pro or con, and through the screen, the radio and much of the reading matter coming to their hands.

Therefore there must be trained teachers who can give scientific facts. As just now the National Woman's Christian

Temperance Union seems to be the only agency attempting to provide adequate scientific training for instructors, its Alcohol Education Seminars are vitally important and support for the National Temperance Education Fund through which they are financed is exceedingly necessary.

However, that is not the only reason why this fund is of concern to the general public.

The liquor problem always is a twofold consideration—the scientific aspect and the liquor trade. The first is a matter for educators, like any other subject affecting the individual and society, and thus fittingly comes under the objectives of the present educational system, namely: "Sound health; Mastery of tools of thought; Worthy home membership; Vocational efficiency; Good citizenship; Wise use of leisure; Ethical character." But, giving to the general adult public the correct information about the insidious ways in which the liquor trade exploits the individual and society is equally essential and equally as expensive, for this requires all the modern vehicles of expression—radio, printed matter, advertising, etc.

When any group spends $25,000,000 (conservative estimate, 1936 advertising budget of the U. S. liquor trade) in one year to increase its sales with old customers and win new ones, particularly youth and women, then it is imperative that society investigate as to just what is likely to happen when such results have accrued. Will those customers and the people they contact be healthier, happier, more intelligent citizens? Would the funds they spent for liquor have meant greater "fullness of life" for the individual and the country at large if the money had been used otherwise?

The popular columnist, Westbrook Pegler, who can in no way be considered as having an anti-liquor pen, not long since made a pertinent comment on the possible wide-reaching effects of the liquor trade's customers. Writing from England, in his usual amusing vernacular, Mr. Pegler told about the members of the British House of Commons who are giving "serious consideration" to the idea that a statesman "wabbling to his feet in a plastered condition and sounding off on foreign relations . . . may be a greater menace to the welfare of the people than a drunken bus driver."

Almost everybody, including even many of the liquor men themselves, is opposed to the person who gets drunk and makes a nuisance or worse of himself (or herself), but ninety-nine persons out of a hundred put the blame on the drinker alone. What most people do not know is (1) the effects of small amounts of alcohol and that, by its nature, alcohol calls for more alcohol; (2) that the purpose of the liquor traffic is to exploit America's purse without regard to consequences, as is plainly shown by its advertising program, its spokesmen in liquor conventions and its trade papers.

The National Temperance Education Fund is to be expended in giving the general public this scientific and economic understanding. As no organization advantages will accrue, therefrom to the W.C.T.U.—although this group of women have pledged one-half of the sum within its own ranks—and the benefits will come to the general public, the fund is one which fittingly deserves the co-operation and support of all persons who are interested in their own safety and the safety and welfare of their community.—

MISSISSIPPI W. C. T. U.

My dear Dr. Duren:

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union is raising, through its various state organizations, a million dollars for temperance education. This sum, part of the five year program for education, is to be completed in the next five months, but to be expended over a period of the next three years, 1937, 1938, and 1939.

Mississippi W. C. T. U. begins an intensive campaign in February to raise $5,000. Most of this is to be used in a state program of education through advertising, motion pictures, radio, and trained teachers who will be able to place before church and day school teachers the latest facts about alcohol and most interesting methods of presentation, also, other ways which may develop.

We are asking the ministers of the state as their contribution to the fund, to preach a temperance sermon on Temperance Sunday, January 31, stressing particularly the need for temperance education, and, if it meets with their approval, recommending the program of the W. C. T. U. In places where we have no union, if the ministers will take a freewill offering for this work, we would greatly appreciate it. We will be glad to send further information to any minister who desires it.

If you will place this request before your readers and give endorsement to our campaign, I will be most appreciative.

MIRIAM J. EZELLE.

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Christian Education

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, JANUARY 17

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

JESUS THE WATER OF LIFE

Jesus was often disappointed. His own people refused to accept him and many of his messages fell on deaf ears. He wept over a city he could not save, but he never had the remorse of looking back on neglected opportunity. The lesson records a casual meeting with a most unlikely subject. To reach her he had to cross the barrier of national prejudice and violate the taboo against a rabbi speaking to a woman in public. He was attracted solely by human need and repulsed only by the stubbornness of the human heart. Here was a case of need, and Jesus did not wait for the heart-hunger to be expressed. By way of introduction, he chose the superb method of asking a favor. In answer to the woman's surprise he indicated that he was able and willing to do vastly more for her. At once he was talking of God and awakening interest in living water from the wells of salvation.

His insight into her personal life convinced her that he was a prophet. Perhaps she could get from him an authoritative statement as to the relative value of two "holy" mountains, and so be better prepared for the interminable Jewish-Samaritan debate, for she was more interested in problems of theology than in manner of conduct; in the place and method of worship than in worship itself. Her surprise must have been great when Jesus told her that both Jew and Samaritan were wrong, that God was no local, tribal, physical Deity living in a holy mountain, but universal Spirit, the Father of mankind, and that true worship consisted not in correct or prescribed forms, but in the loyal devotion of the heart; that the Father desired and accepted only the worship that comes from the spirit of the worshipper.

Even the apostles were amazed when they found Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman, forgetting that his declared mission was to seek and to save the lost. She was lost. That was enough for Jesus. He esteemed his mission more than his reputation or Jewish custom. She was one of the hungry-hearted multitude who desired to find a better way of life. Often riches and power conceal the deeper longings of the souls of men, as a diet of sweets quenches the desire of a child for nourishing food. Perhaps the church of today is making its greatest mistake in not urging its message at all times and in all ways on those who have found only failure and disappointment in life. There is no glamour of scenery to persuade them that they are on the right road. After all, it may be easier to save the world from the bottom up than from from the top down. Jesus sought those needy outcasts who knew they had failed, passing by those "who thought within themselves that they were righteous."

To both Nicodemus and the woman at the well Jesus announced great spiritual truths. Nicodemus became a secret disciple; the woman became a messenger, a missionary. She brought the town out to hear, the casual visit lengthened to days, and "many believed," not merely because of what the woman told, but because they heard and accepted the words of truth for themselves. The well of Jacob became a channel of the "water of life." The faithful sow beside all waters, not knowing which shall prosper.

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The Christian Fireside

REMEMBER—Send us your story. We have thus far received only one.

A STORY OF GANDHI

A member of the Indian Legislative Assembly tells this story—

Gandhi, according to his custom, was traveling in a day coach to some gathering, and a man in the car was spitting on the floor. Gandhi asked him not to do it because of the danger to public health. The man just said, "Mind your own business. Who are you?" and he continued to spit as before. Gandhi said no more, but sat silent. The man then took up his banjo, and sang one of the popular hymns in praise of Gandhi.

Arrived at the station, the people waiting for Gandhi greeted him. Then the man suddenly realized who it was and fell at his feet, saying: "Oh, forgive me—I have done that which will send my soul to Torment. Forgive me." Gandhi said, "I have nothing to forgive. You did nothing to me. I only tried to tell you the danger of what you were doing." The man insisted, "You must forgive me—say you forgive me." Gandhi smiled and said, "Well, then, I forgive you. But I see you are one of those people who do not do what I ask, but who sing hymns in my honor!"

—Selected.

CHARCTER BUILDERS

One of the most powerful of all the many aids to character building is reading. The importance of right and wrong reading cannot be overestimated. What you read will become a part of you whether you are conscious of it or not, and will have powerful influence on what you think. What you think will have a lot to do with the kind of character you form. Just as the food we eat is changed by some physical process into blood and tissue and muscle, so the books we read and the pictures we see are changed by some spiritual process into the tissues of character.

Recently a man, having observed the purchases made at a news stand in a railroad station, said in the course of a conversation. "It was discouraging to note the amount of trashy literature that was sold there."

Have you ever analyzed your reading to see what per cent of it is instructive as well as entertaining?

Of course we all want entertainment in our reading, but thinking back over the books that you have taken from the library in the last six months, what per cent of them have been uplifting as well as entertaining?

We are told by scientists that people who deliberately and continually feed their minds on light, frothy, worthless bits of literature will in time lose their power to appreciate the higher types of reading matter.

If you have not considered reading as an aid to character building heretofore, why not start now? It would be interesting to find out what some of the great people of our country have considered good literature, and follow their example. The knowledge would, furthermore, shed light on the subject of the influence of reading on character.—Albert A. Rand.

WHY NOT?

It was in the good old days of McGuffy's readers and the methods of the "old field" schools that a Mississippi teacher was struggling with a little girl who had a great deal of trouble with double letters—it would be less troublesome now, since they are not doubled any more. The teacher drilled it into little Mary that when two of the same thing came together anywhere she must call it "double.". At last Mary grasped the idea, but carried it further than her teacher expected. Next came her reading lesson, and to the teacher's surprise and the amusment of the entire school, Mary broke into her lesson, with a tone of triumph, 'Double up, Lucy." It was that lesson, familiar to the older folk, which began "Up, Up, Lucy." The teacher's task began all over again, for he had to explain that the rule in spelling did not apply in reading. But why not? Little Mary was wrong, but her mind was certainly working.

"THE REALLY WELL-EDUCATED MAN"

He knows how to work; he is good to work with; he is educated not only for work but for leisure.

For a man to know how to work, it is essential he should do an hour's work in an hour; not in an hour and a quarter.

Our salvation and the salvation of the world will not be effected so much by economists or statesmen, as by the large number of people who know how to get down to work.—Dr. A. H. David, Bishop of Liverpool.

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Methodist Women

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,

1574 Jefferson Ave., New Orleans

The Bishops' Crusade having been inaugurated at the great Missionary Council meeting in New Orleans will now sponsor forty-four great missionary rallies to be held at strategic points in the bounds of the Church.

The Louisiana Conference rally, which will be held in Shreveport on Friday, January 22, will be led by Bishops Ainsworth and Kern. Bishop Cesar Dacorso of Brazil will be one of the guest speakers. The general session will open at 9:15 a. m. In the afternoon at 2:30 a great mass meeting for women will be held. Mrs. Wiltz Ledbetter will be chairman of this meeting and Miss Daisy Davies, of the Woman's Missionary Council, will be the guest speaker. All missionary women of Louisiana are invited and urged to be present at this great inspirational meeting. Let's begin early to plan to attend.

Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Missionary Society, has been greatly honored in that she has been invited by Bishop Arthur Moore to do some of the speaking for the Bishops' Crusade. Mrs. Sexton will appear on the program at the rallies to be held in Memphis, Little Rock, Tulsa and Oklahoma City, January 12 to 15. All missionary women of the Louisiana Conference have every reason to be proud of this honor conferred upon our president.

We have just learned of the arrival of the new granddaughter of Mrs. J. C. McDonald, of Leesville, formerly the district secretary of the Lake Charles District. No sooner had the telegram been received by Mrs. McDonald announcing the birth than a check was on the way to make Cynthia Anne a life member. This makes three generations of life members in this interesting missionary family.

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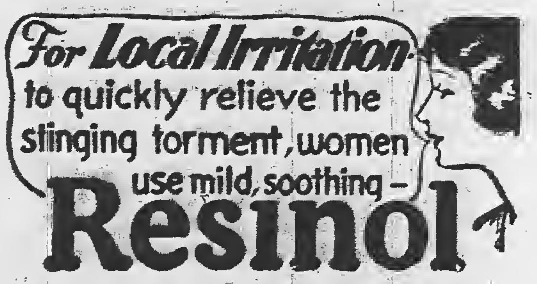

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NEW BOOKS

Bible Study:

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"The Radiant Heart" by Costen J. Harrell, a study of Philippians. (Price 25c).

Mission Study:

"Out of Africa" by Emory Ross. (Price 25c). It is interesting to note that Emory Ross spent his boyhood in Edwards, Miss.

The above books should be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

World Day of Prayer:

All auxiliaries should join in observing World Day of Prayer, February 12. The program has been prepared by Miss Mabel Shaw, Northern Rhodesia, Africa. See January Bulletin for information.

Auxiliaries will please send name of Publicity Superintendent to Mrs. Stanley Wilson, 2212 Fifteenth St., Meridian, Miss., immediately.

Hint for the New Year: See that one-twelfth of your year's pledge is in your treasury at the end of each month.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

The Itta Bena Missionary Society closed the work for the year with a fine record. All pledges were paid in full and three baby bonds were secured.

A large number of ladies attended the fourth zone meeting held in Minter City.

As an item of supplies, cash gifts were sent to two superannuated preachers.

A delightful social was given in honor of the new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Boyles.

Members of the society gave baskets of food to some of our colored friends at Christmas.

The members of the young women's circle spread Christmas cheer among needy children by distributing well filled stockings.

The required mission and Bible courses have been completed. Splendid teachers conducted these courses.

The planned programs of the Year Books have been presented each month. Weekly meetings have been reported to the county paper. Quarterly reports have been sent to the Conference paper, also.

The Council program for the Week of Prayer was carried out in detail. The attendance was very good and the offering splendid.

The success of this year's work is largely due to the untiring effort of our faithful and capable president, Mrs. F. H. Magruder.

The above report comes from Mrs. Joe Pugh, publicity chairman of the Itta Bena auxiliary. They have evidently been checking the Efficiency Aim for guidance in their year's work. Some of you who are able to check the children's division and the cultivation of parents send us your yearly report. Then there might be some society that can check items 2, 3, 8, and 12. If so, tell us how you were able to do it.

COLORED CONFERENCES AND UNIFICATION

Six of the Negro Conferences (ministerial) in the fall group of thirteen have voted against unification, but the total vote of all these ministers was 463 against to 403 for the plan. Among the laymen in this same group, eight of the thirteen Conferences opposed the measure by a total vote of 229 to 169. Through the courtesy of Dr. Robert N. Brooks, editor of **The Christian Advocate, Southwestern Edition,** we are enabled to give our readers the complete figures for the fall Conferences. Six spring Conferences among the Negroes have not yet voted. Dr. Brooks' report follows:

	Clerical		Lay	
Conference	For	Ag'nst	For	Ag'nst
Altanta	41	0	22	0
Central Alabama	36	34	1	23
East Tennessee	38	0	2	22
Louisiana	15	92	2	35
Mississippi	9	74	4	32
North Carolina	16	43	2	15
Savannah	36	1	9	3
South Carolina	82	40	60	7
Southwest	8	57	11	10
Tennessee	5	26	1	15
Texas	22	65	5	22
Upper Mississippi	39	31	23	0
West Texas	56	0	27	45

With this strong tide of sentiment among the Negroes now moving unmistakably against the plan of unification, every minister and layman who has not yet voted on the issue ought, before casting his ballot, to give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to the questions of race discrimination and minority rights.

—Zion's Herald.

In Memoriam

MISS ANNIE BURFORD SALMON

Miss Annie Burford Salmon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Salmon, Cleveland, Miss., fell asleep at the Baptist Hospital, Memphis, after a short illness. Besides her parents, she leaves a brother, Erwin, and a large number of devoted friends to mourn her passing. The burial rites were held at Cleveland by Rev. J. J. Baird, December 15, 1936.

This beautiful life came into being at Senatobia, Miss., January 28, 1906. In 1912 the family moved to Coahoma, Miss., where Annie Burford attended public school. She graduated from the Clarksdale high school in 1924 and attended Grenada College from which institution she was graduated in 1928. After graduation she began her career as a teacher. Pursuing graduate study in Peabody College, Nashville, she received the Master's degree in Elementary Education from that institution in 1933. At the time of her death she was critic teacher in the city schools, Jackson, Ky., and in her work was affiliated with Lees Junior College, at Jackson.

Annie Burford was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was trained in its Sunday school, Epworth League and college. As a member, she was most devout and consecrated, thoroughly loyal and altogether lovable. As a worker, she was trained, dependable, faithful and effective. Truly we may say that she was charming in personality, beautiful in character, lovable in disposition; a real creative Christian character. No words of eulogy can bespeak the noble characteristics of this life or tell the beautiful story of the large contribution that this lovely young life made to our world during its shortened sojourn here. She shall live on in the lives of the many pupils, associates, friends and loved ones whom she touched, loved and helped.

"But when the sun in all his state
Illumed the eastern skies,
She passed through Glory's morning
gate,
And walked in Paradise."

R. G. LORD.

MRS. ELLA CRISLER—AN APPRECIATION

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has called to eternal rest our beloved friend, Mrs. Ella Crisler, and

Whereas, her untimely passing has brought grief to all who knew her. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Women's Missionary Society, of Capitol Street Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss., extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and join them in mourning the loss we have all sustained, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of our departed member.

MRS. E. W. BIGGS,
MRS. GORDON CHILDRESS,
MRS. G. H. DYE, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Whereas, Mrs. Mary F. Sheffield, after a long consecrated and useful period of service, departed this life and entered upon the Glorious Adventure on December 7, 1936, and

Whereas, she was the mother of Dr. H. C. Sheffield, a loyal and active member of this board, and

Whereas, we join with many other friends in the sorrow felt in her passing:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that we, the stewards of the Galloway Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Jackson, Miss., do hereby extend our sympathy and love to our brother, Dr. H. C. Sheffield, to his bereaved father and other members of the family in this hour of sorrow, with the hope of comfort in that Grace which offers solace to all who will partake.

That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this board, and that copies be furnished by the secretary to Dr. H. C. Sheffield and members of the family, and that a copy be sent to the New Orleans Christian Advocate for publication.

S. J. HOOPER, M. D.,
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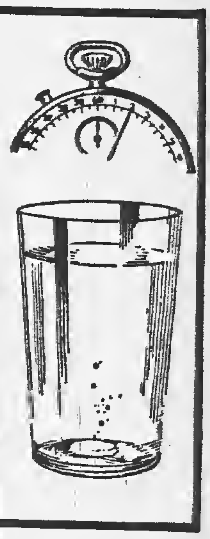

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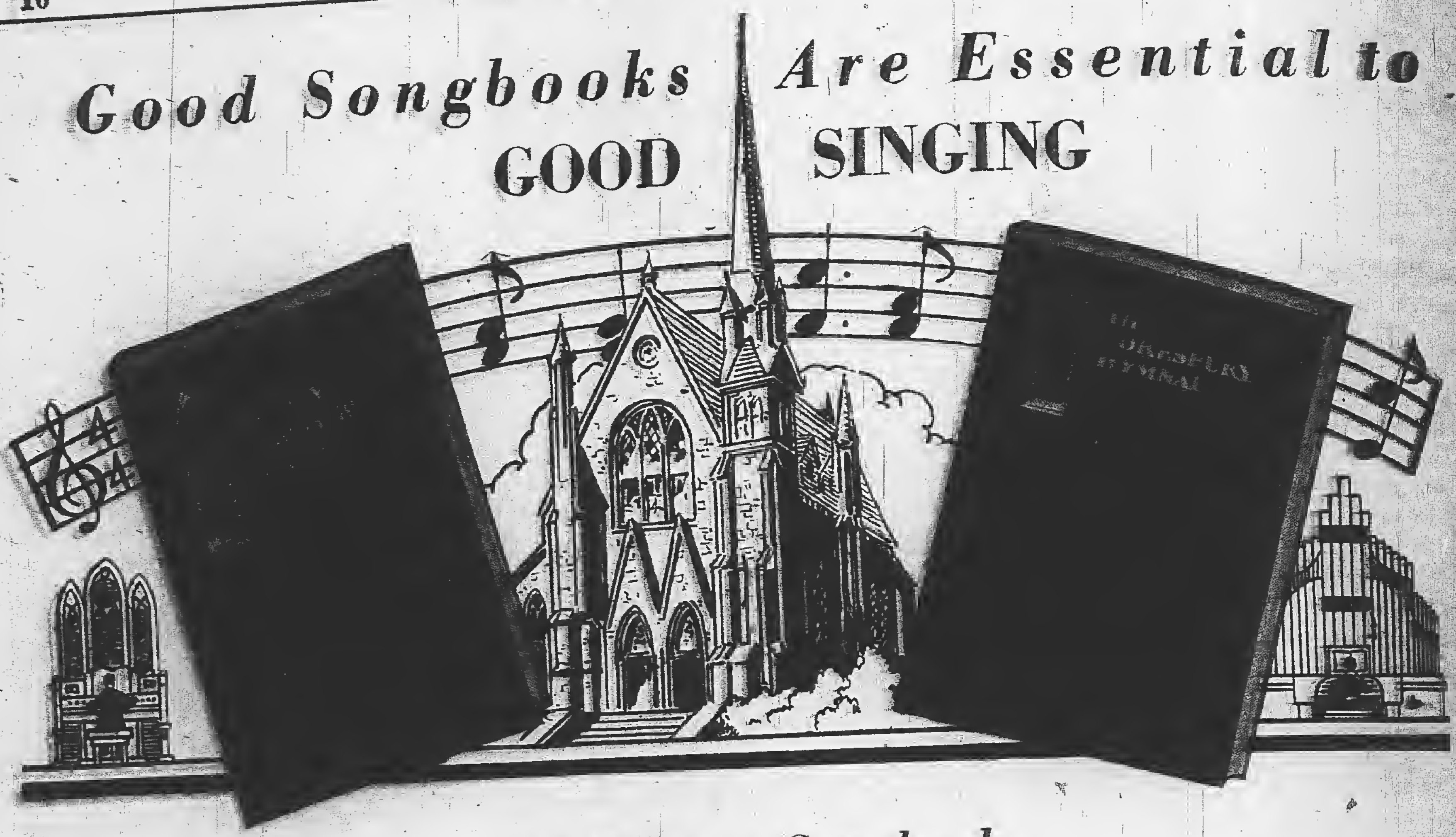

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Bitter the clamor for war at our gates.
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Jeweled in parables (High iteration!)
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Drive the truth home to us, Lord, that we must
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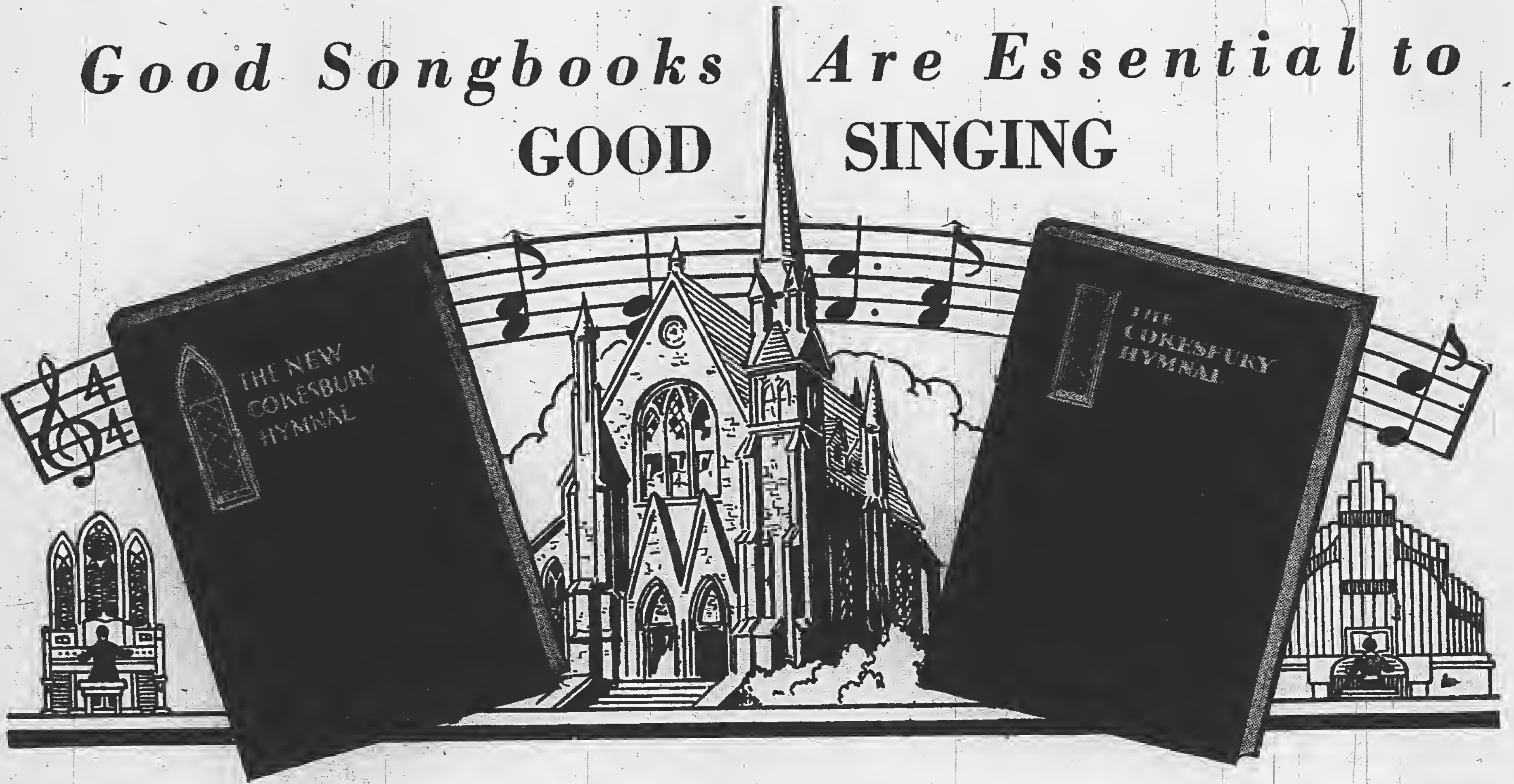

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Wallet of the Week

THE SALVATION PATROL is the name of a group of young people in Morelos church, Mexico City. The aim of the band is to devise and execute plans for exhibiting the Christmas spirit throughout the year. Late at night and early in the morning they go out and gather in the drunks and derelicts and see that they have proper food, lodging and medical attention. It is a labor in which they must forget themselves and a labor in which they may find themselves in a noble expression of Christian service and social uplift.

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SULTANA'S MAGNOLIA BELLE, said to be the world record holder among Jersey cows, is the property of Arkansas State A. & M. College. Her record for 1936 was little short of amazing. She produced 14,247 pounds of milk and 1,043.01 pounds of butterfat. According to the **Progressive Farmer,** she set the record for the production of butterfat in the United States last year. It is difficult to believe that a cow could produce something like one and a half times her weight in milk every month for a year.

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TICK ERADICATION, a program in which the national and state governments co-operated, was begun thirty years ago. In 1906 an area of 728,565 square miles was under quarantine because of the cattle fever tick. At the end of 1936, the infested area had been reduced to four and one-half per cent of the original map. Today all the quarantined areas are in Florida and Texas. In Florida only Orange, Osceola, Charlotte, Hendry and parts of Collier and Polk counties are now under restraint; and in Texas twenty-four and portions of four out of two hundred and fifty-six counties remain under quarantine.

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CELEBRITIES OF THE NEGRO RACE in America include Benjamin Benneker, born in 1731, who made a clock which struck the hours—the first clock constructed in America. He was an astronomer and philosopher, he was able to predict eclipses, and he prepared an almanac annually which received the approval of eminent astronomers. Phillis Wheatley wrote poetry which is said to have attracted the attention of George Washington. In 1773 she visited England, was received at court, and read her poems before members of the royal family. Professor George Carver, of Tuskegee, is one of the best known agricultural chemists in America. He has made no small contribution to the history of chemical achievement in his day.

THE TWENTY-THIRD Psalm was recited alternately by a great actor and an old minister who were together in a house one Sunday evening. The actor recited it with such splendid effect that the company applauded the achievement. Then the old minister recited it in his own simple and more quiet way, and there was no applause. "There lies the difference," mused the actor, "I know the psalm: he knows the Shepherd." There was a ring of conscious reality in the voice of the man who had long walked with God.

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THE EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE, exiled ruler of Ethiopia, is reported to have received a Christmas greeting from the "Friends of Abyssinia League," which contained a thousand signatures representing more than twenty-seven nationalities. The greeting was inscribed in beautiful Amharic characters, and it declared: "Despite the dark hour in Ethiopia's history, we still look for the dawn of that day when Justice—to quote the Kebra Negast, shall rise like the Morning Star." At the present that expectation appears to be a forlorn hope.

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THE SALVATION ARMY, reputed to be the largest standing army in the world, is commanded by a woman, General Evangeline Booth. The army is composed of three million soldiers of all nationalities, with seventeen thousand corps, stationed in ninety-one countries and colonies. It is a mobilization of men and women of all nationalities in the interest of peace. Its weapons of offense and defence are bands and the Bible, and no unit of Christian workers has carried on more effectively or more sacrificially than has the Salvation Army. It was organized for the unchurched of London and extended to include the unchurched of the whole world.

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DANIEL SHAYS, a Revolutionary soldier, but better know as the leader of a rebellion against the government of Massachusetts, is to be honored by the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of what is known in history as Shay's Rebellion. By a strange reversal of fortune, the defeated, outlawed and expatriated (he was forced to leave Massachusetts) revolutionist has now become the "forgotten patriot" and the attacker of courts and the leader of a rebellion against taxes is already honored by having his name given to a Massachusetts highway, and is soon to receive national honor through a memorial stamp to be issued by the Post Office Department.

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EDITORIAL

A NEGLECTED RESOURCE

The current number of the **Progressive Farmer** draws attention to the need for the direction and the cultivation of the religious life of the agricultural population of our country. The discussion raises in our mind the question as to whether we may not have emphasized the importance of the great town and city church to the hurt of the church in the rural settlement? The polity of the Church has come to be focussed upon urban needs, the opportunities of great churches incline the ministerial mind in the same direction, and naturally administration feels that preferential treatment of great centers is justified. All religious bodies have a tendency to become specialists in the great church, and when they become conscious of a slowing down in their denominational progress a hue and cry is raised because of a loss of spiritual power and consecration. It seems to us that the real difficulty may be the loss of the genius for mobilizing forces at their source. The Salvation Army ministering on the streets of the city, homeless with the homeless, is one thing; but housed in a great citadel, it is apt to be a vastly different thing, even though it keep to the same type and form of ministry. So the Methodist Church in the fields and on the march with the people, may be vastly different in effort and effectiveness in its command of able and accomplished constituencies in great urban centers. The great city church should not be neglected, to be sure, but neither should we forget that the financial deficiencies and the cultural retardation of country churches have an offset in a disproportionately large contribution to the ministry and leadership of metropolitan areas. We believe that the country church is waiting for the development of a type of leadership that shall point the way for the full realization of its true religious worth and responsibility. Our theological schools can render a great service at this point, not by patronizing discussions of the country church, but by developing leaders and methods which shall parallel its social and economic organization. The "God's Acre" idea is not new, but it is susceptible of infinite adaptation and effective use. We confidently believe that a financial system adapted to rural life would be the means of discovering undreamed of possibilities in the country church.

OUR RELIGIOUS DEGENERACY

As one grows older and his horizon broadens one finds less reason for the lamentation on account of the abandonment of religion and a disregard of the church. Pessimism seems to us to be an attitude growing out of the lack of a clear understanding of the past and, in consequence, a narrow outlook upon the present. The dogma of "the good old days" is a romancing of uninformed souls who may mean well, but they certainly lack horizon. As we write this editorial, we have before us copies of family papers which bear dates of 1845 and 1850. The **Saturday Courier**, Philadelphia, proclaims itself to be "A family newspaper—neutral in politics and religion." The **Saturday Bulletin and American Courier**, of Philadelphia, says: "A journal for the fireside, independent on all subjects." The subject matter in both of these publications amply justifies their broad claims of political and religious anonymity. The deism and religious hostility of Tom Paine and Voltaire, which saturated the thinking of the leadership at the beginning of our national history, are not asserted, but they are unquestionably reflected in the polite and elegant silences of these periodicals whose messages were addressed to the American fireside. There is no line which derides faith or revelation—they are simply matters which are forgotten. The pages are occupied with historical incidents, nature freaks, scientific discoveries, and matters of public or curious interest. There is nowhere today a daily paper, no matter how much given to the delineation of crime and public scandals, which does not devote many times as much space to the portrayal of the essential values of religion as did the fireside journals of a hundred years ago. We are not blind to the sins of our age, but we recall that Jesus on one occasion called the people of his day "a generation of vipers." We do not find the evidences of the utter abandonment of the church, we confidently believe that the world is marching toward the "Golden age" of religion, and we cannot consent to the belief that God has failed.

THE ADVOCATE CAMPAIGN

The plan for the Advocate campaign is little changed from that of last year. The charge quotas are the same as last year—one for every twenty-five members reported to the last Annual Conference. All subscriptions sent in by pastors or their agents, whether they be new or renewal, will be credited on quotas, but subscriptions sent direct to the office in response to bills will not be counted. The one change is that the minimum for securing the prize of $100 is 400 subscriptions. Any District sending in a minimum of 400 subscribers will receive a prize of $100 for any purpose for which it may decide to use it. The campaign closes July 15—that will be the dead line. Every pastor should begin his campaign at once, and should keep a list of expirations for his charge. The Advocate office will gladly render any assistance possible to make your campaign a success.

PLEASE READ THIS

Beginning with the Advocate of January 7, we introduced a special space assignment for the news of each one of our patronizing Conferences. For the first paper carrying that feature, we made direct personal appeal for the news. Since that first issue, only two reporters have sent us any items of news, and the greater part of this paper we have gathered for ourselves. We have no complaint to make on our own account. It is just as easy to fill the paper in its present form as it was before, but the rearrangement of the paper was with the hope that in that form it might be made to serve better and more satisfactorily the whole constituency in Louisiana and Mississippi. We appeal, therefore, for a sympathetic and helpful co-operation that may enable us to bring the Christian Advocate to a great place in the life and thought of our Methodist people. First of all, send us every piece of news that may be of interest to the church folk. Send us also any good story, or experience with children which may help to brighten the Christian Fireside page.

TENANT FARMERS AGAIN

Some time ago we had occasion to say something about the share-cropper situation in Arkansas and Mississippi. We wrote, not as an expert, but as one whose opinion was based upon observations of farmers and farm problems extending over many years. From the first we have had the feeling that the Social Security law in its present form is not quite just. We feel that the distinction between "productive" and "non-productive" occupations is artificial, and we do not think that the farmer's economic future is properly safeguarded. These deficiencies, we think, will be remedied. Our position regarding the farmer is reenforced by a recent report made by Mr. Reid, Regional Director of the Federal Resettlement Administration. Upon the basis of a study of 20,267 tenant clients he says that 25 per cent of them will, for lack of intelligence, health, or character, not be able to qualify for the responsibility of farm-ownership, only 11 per cent would be able to carry themselves without supervision, and only 29 per cent are qualified for farm responsibilities, with the supervision now available. The farmer needs more than sporadic relief and one of the stupendous problems of social readjustment will be furnished by agriculture, where exploitation is easy and present methods are crude and inefficient.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

THE TRAGEDY OF BEING A PIG

An amiable old sow—amiable in spite of her depredations in orchard, yard, and garden—entered into the holiday spirit to the extent of making us a Christmas Eve present of eight pigs. By an untoward accident, two of these hog infants came to an untimely end; the other six are hale and hearty, giving promise of developing in due season into respectable Poland Chinas.

There is a big differences between pigs and hogs. But for the irrefutable facts of science, it would be hard to believe that they are even kin. If a hog ever meditates upon the vicissitudes of life, one of his happiest moments must come with the realization that he was once a pig. If a pig could look forward to being a hog, it would doubtless lament the day it was born.

In terms of pork and pork products—ham, sausage, backbone, spareribs, breakfast bacon, etc.—hogs do very well; but hogs on the hoof—well, pigs are much more interesting. Hogs would fit very well into the curriculum of a school for vocational training; a liberal arts college would offer only pigs in its courses. We like hogs because they represent dollars and cents; pigs are interesting for their own sakes.

For one thing, pigs are pretty—baby pigs are. Swine standards of beauty are different, of course, from human standards. But a bunch of pink noses, sleek bodies, curly tails, bright eyes, tiny feet scurrying around, with animal-baby voices giving expression to various animal-baby feelings and impulses, is a beautiful sight to those who have eyes to see.

The tragedy of a pretty pig's life is that it has to become a hog.

The tragedy of some people's lives is that they make hogs of themselves.

News and Views

"LORD'S ACRE" MOVEMENT

By Rev. Dumont Clarke

A man came to his church treasurer with $20 toward his pastor's salary. It was from his "Lord's Acre" potatoes and was the first substantial contribution he had ever made to the church. He had found a new stimulation and satisfaction in life, and his church was enriched both by his spirit and by his gift.

A boy sold his second Lord's Acre pig for $18.98. He was so happy in helping his pastor and his church that he wanted to make his contribution $19, and he did. Inspired by his worthful work, this boy is steadily advancing in Christian development, having for his example One who "increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

Two boys came into the house with happy faces. "O Mother, our Lord's Acre potatoes are growing fine!" It was the mother's opportunity to speak, in the most natural way, of God as the Giver of all things. "Boys, it is God who has given life to the seed, who has made the earth fertile; it is God who sends the sunshine and the showers." Soon came another day when the mother, watching the boys at work on the Lord's Acre patch, spoke of the duty of serving God and of the blessings that come to those who work with Him. It is no wonder that these boys, with their project daily in their minds, are thoughtful about the spiritual meaning of their farm life, and that they feel so pleased in helping support their church. Clearly they are in training for early leadership in the whole work of vital Christianity.

These three stories tell in the briefest way something of the spiritual meaning and the financial value of the Lord's Acre plan. Recently a church officer said: "A new spirit is stirring in the countryside. The growth of the Lord's Acre movement has much to do with it."

Arousing World-wide Interest

The Lord's Acre movement of today follows substantially the Bible practice by which the Children of Israel dedicated the first fruits of their land and the firstlings of their flocks and herds to the Lord.

The movement in Western North Carolina has had seven years of promotion under the sponsorship of the Farmers Federation, the president of which is James G. K. McClure, Jr., of Asheville. This very useful Christian activity is now being carried on by approximately 300 country churches in that part of the state, and is spreading widely. The churches in this territory are now well furnished with practical helps for advancing the work—Lord's Acre literature including a covenant card, hymn, and placard; an attractive blue and silver button for the children with the words, "A Lord's Acre Worker;" a Lord's Acre play; stereopticon slides; leaders' group explanatory charts, and marketing facilities at Farmers Federation warehouses.

There are many indications that the blessings of God are upon this movement, helping as it does to make possible spiritual and material gains so long desired. The past summer, the writer, upon invitation from church assemblies and other groups, has spoken on the Lord's Acre plan in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, and Maine. Many missionaries have come from Africa, China, India, and other countries to inquire about the plan. Two friends of missions are now carrying first-hand information about this work to many of the great mission fields of the world.

The deep interest which has been aroused in the plan is due to the fact that it has great fundamental values for both the material and spiritual upbuilding of the country church.

A Working Church

First and most important of all, the Lord's Acre plan of giving produces a **working church.** That every Christian church should be a working church is the clear lesson of Bible and church history. Yet everyone familiar with the life of the churches knows that in most congregations only a small proportion of the people really **work** for the church. Everyone knows, too, that such churches are not true to their historic pattern nor are they practically fulfilling their Christian mission to the community and to the world. A church that seeks the Kingdom of God will have its members at work for God. And the Lord's Acre plan is the only practical plan, today as in Bible days, for putting all the people in the country church, from the youngest to the oldest, at work for its support and spiritual upbuilding. One afternoon in July I saw 55 people of a small church at work on their Lord's Acre projects, and a few weeks later 21 primary children of the same church with their Lord's Acre chickens!

The conviction is growing that the Christian church must be a working church, that its members must really work for the Lord. This conviction as it finds expression in practical farm projects builds Christian character, develops fellowship in Christian service, and opens the way to a true evangelism.

Building Church Finances

Next let us consider how the Lord's Acre plan is strengthening the finances of the church. It is doing this in a supplementary way, without in any way interfering with, but rather reinforcing, the method of direct cash contributions. Churches are becoming self-supporting for the first time, special building projects are being carried through, budgets are being met—all through the help of the Lord's Acre plan. Increasingly, with each passing year, these results are being attained. It is bound to be so, for the farm project dedicated to God enables practically everyone to make a worthy contribution to the church budget.

A few months ago the small Fairview Baptist Church with the $230 yield from two potato projects made the third and final payment for a new $700 furnace. At the same time Tweed's Methodist Church with help of over $200 from potato and chicken projects reported its budget fully paid and a balance of nearly $100 in the treasury. The pastor of another Methodist church told the writer that his salary is now actually paid in advance—on a circuit that for years past had failed to meet its obligations. Such are some of the financial results which are being brought about through this old Bible plan of the giving of "the first fruits of the ground and the firstlings of the flocks and the herds" to the Lord. Larger results can certainly be counted upon as the plan becomes more deeply established in the program of the country church.

Finally, I would emphasize this fact—that the Lord's Acre plan is more closely uniting religion and life. Always the church has felt the need of making religion more effective in the daily conduct of its members. Sunday worship has been too much separated from, or at least not enough bound up with, the day-by-day life of the home and the farm. Now this Bible plan is at work in the week-day lives of hundreds of children and of hundreds of older people, daily deepening the sense of Christian duty, daily bringing the consciousness of God's blessings,

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Miss Estelle Landry, Mr. Rouge, makes [illegible] praise of the Advocate. [illegible] It is our purpose to make the best paper possible, and [illegible] our readers.

Bishop W. N. Ainsworth [illegible] preach at Trinity Church, Ruston on [illegible] January 24. The Bishops will be [illegible] meeting in connection with the Bishops' Crusade. [illegible] is pastor of [illegible] the Church.

Mrs. H. L. McEachern, our friend and faithful Advocate agent at Haynesville, has already launched the Advocate campaign in that charge, as indicated by [illegible] desk.

First Church, Shreveport, is on our [illegible] and in our graces for eight subscriptions for the Advocate. First Church has done a noble part for the Advocate in the [illegible] hard times through which we have [illegible]

Rev. Dr. [illegible] the new presiding elder of Shreveport District, is spoken of throughout his field of [illegible] and the indications are that he is on the threshold of a [illegible] progressive leadership.

We regret the illness of Rev. and Mrs. [illegible] Foster. They were [illegible] which both were afflicted [illegible] for the home and [illegible]

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE [illegible]

The Missionary [illegible] during the [illegible] of [illegible] February [illegible] pastor of First Church, [illegible] representing the [illegible] W. [illegible] Foss, Jr., Conference [illegible] the Bishops' Crusade, [illegible] work, and with the missionary [illegible] showing [illegible] field [illegible] With the [illegible] District, all [illegible] First Church [illegible] Lake Charles Dis[illegible]

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ECHOES OF THE MISSIONARY COUNCIL

I have seen the face of the Master! Yea, verily, for three days I looked upon His face, reflected as in a mirror; and His expression was one of infinite yearning and compassion and love for humanity—weak and sinful, ignorant and pagan; men of all creeds and races.

I have heard His voice, too, as it repeated the words of a command He gave long ago—well-known words reiterated with a new emphasis based upon the experience of mankind in great blessings that have followed the carrying out of this command; an emphasis based upon a great need and a great hope and a great promise:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

I have seen Him and heard His voice through the testimony of a Christian gentleman from China—formerly a student, and now president, of a great university in that country—himself a living monument to the educational and Christianizing results of a comparatively small adventure in carrying out this command, with the multiplied blessings of the Master and the growth that has come from the work of His devoted emissaries through a period of thirty-six years.

Again I have seen Him and heard His voice in the carefully enunciated words of the first native bishop of our Church in Brazil, testifying, in a forceful message, to the blessings which messengers of Jesus have brought into this country; blessings that are incalculable in earthly terms because they can be measured only in that medium which the Master himself considered of priceless value—human personality.

The face and the voice of the Master were also plainly apparent in the earnest faces and fervent utterances of the men who, because of the sincerity of their purpose and their consecration to a Divine Cause are now recognized as foremost among religious leaders of our day; and yet, with a humility like that of the Master, they assume no honor; esteeming themselves but as instruments in the hands of the Almighty for the consummation of His all-comprehensive purpose, the salvation of mankind.

There was a revelation of the Saviour in the testimony of devout women who contributed their messages of inspiration to the success of one of the greatest assemblages of Christian workers in the history of our Church: women who, like Mary, had sat at the feet of Jesus, and learned of Him lessons of consecration.

And then, I have felt the response of humankind—for one cannot look into the face of Jesus and listen to His voice without a lasting and far-reaching effect. In the rapt attention of a vast audience; in the atmosphere of Christian fellowship; in the heart-warming sound of many voices singing, with one accord, the great Missionary hymns of the Church; and in those final moments of consecration; the impact of a supreme commission from a Divine leader rebounded to lay at the feet of the Master a pledge of obedience. "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow," sung from the hearts of a congregation made up of representatives from many units of our Southern Methodism has said: "Let us go forth, Crusaders, in the name of the Master, and victory shall be ours; for lo! we have seen His face, and heard His voice, and His command is, 'Go forward.'"

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MISSIONS, YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE WORK

Shreveport District

City Intermediate Union—The regular December meeting was held at 66th St. Church on the 11th. The devotional was led by Grace Redell. Her topic was "Making Others Happy." After the program games and refreshments were thoroughly enjoyed. The count: Noel Memorial, 2; (66th St.), Cedar Grove, 11; Mangum Memorial, 13; and visitors, 3.

On January 8, the same union had a meeting at First Church. "New Resolutions," a playlet, was excellently rendered under the direction of Miss Margaret Gray. A violin solo and a piano solo were also appreciated and enjoyed. After the recreation ice cream lollypops were served. The count: 66th Street, 8; Noel, 3; First Church, 15; Mangum, 12; and visitors, 9. Thanks to Mary Cavell, publicity superintendent, for these reports.

Trees City—There were forty young people present at the Christmas program of the Trees City young people's department. The department gave a Christmas box to a needy family in the community. On December 22, these young people had a party with the tree, carol singing and everything. D. L. Dykes is pastor of the church and the officers of the department are Nina Williams, president; Donald McFarland, vice president; Madison Singleton, secretary; and Elouise Browning, treasurer.

W. D. BODDIE.

ATTENTION, MINISTERS!

The ministerial club of Centenary College wishes to get in touch with all of those ministers and local preachers who have either graduated from Centenary or who have attended Centenary for at least one year for the purpose of sending them an invitation to become honorary members of the club and plans for the organization of an alumni club to be composed of the ex-ministerial students of the college.

JACK COOKE, President.

A SUPERANNUATE'S APPRECIATION

Dear Dr. Duren: I wish to express, through the Advocate, my appreciation of the kindness of those who contributed to the Christmas gift to the Conference claimants of the Louisiana Conference.

As one of the so-called forgotten men I know of nothing that could make us feel that we are not really forgotten than to receive a nice gift such as we did.

I can assure all concerned that I am ready to vote for a continuance of this delightful act, and hope it may become a custom in every Conference.

P. H. FONTAINE.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

New Orleans Dist.—First Round

Felicity, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Second Church, Gentilly, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Covington, Jan. 17, 11 a.m.
Pearl River, Jan. 17, 3 p.m.
McDonoghville, Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m.
Lockport, Jan. 31, 11 a.m.
Houma, Jan. 31, 4 p.m.
Rayne Memorial, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.
Algiers, Feb 3, 7:30 p.m.
Parker Memorial, Feb 5, 7:30 p m.
Chalmette, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Donaldsonville, Feb. 7, 11 a.m.
Epworth, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin, Feb. 14, 11 a.m.
St. Mark's, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Morgan City, Feb. 14, 4 p.m.
First Church, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Carrollton Avenue, ———, 7:30 p.m.

Any date is subject to change to suit the convenience of the pastor and people. Let us bear in mind the following date: Jan. 28, dinner, board meeting and institute at First Church, 6:30 p.m., the entire District invited; Sunday, Feb. 14, "Memorial Mercy Home Sunday." Let us pay close attention to all objectives for our District.

ELMER C. GUNN, P. E.

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. G. C. Goddard renews her subscription for the paper and adds a much appreciated word of commendation for it.

We regret to learn that Brother George Granberry, charge lay leader at Wesson, has been ordered to bed for a month on account of illness. Let his brethren remember him in their prayers.

The board of stewards at Brookhaven met in advance of the meeting of the District Stewards and they voted to accept in full whatever amount might be assigned them for benevolences.

Rev. R. H. Clegg, the new presiding elder of the Brookhaven District, is reported to be giving evidence of real leadership both in looking after the details of his task and in his capable direction of meetings over which he presides.

Mrs. D. M. Field, Electric Mills, has made a splendid beginning in the Advocate campaign for her church. Her first installment, a list of five subscriptions, has just reached the business office. We appreciate Mrs. Field's interest and loyalty.

More than half of the preachers and a good representation of laymen attended the Missionary Council meeting in New Orleans. It is unnecessary to say that the cause of missions will have a staunch advocacy throughout the district this year.

Dr. C. W. Crisler, former presiding elder, received a cordial welcome from the church and people of Hazlehurst, where he had also been a former pastor. The church and parsonage, standing side by side, are harmonious in design and a gem for beauty.

Rev. J. L. Carter, pastor at Fifth Street Church, Meridian, has made a good start for the new year, and is in high favor with his people, according to Rev. J. W. Ramsey. Large congregations wait upon his ministry and the church is well organized in all departments.

Mr. Curtis Youngblood, the efficient lay leader of the Brookhaven District, is very proud of the record made last year. Every charge in the district observed layman's day. This year he has for his goal, Layman's Day observed in every church of every charge in the district.

The outlook is good for a substantial increase in salaries and benevolences in the Brookhaven District. Encouraging increases have been made in the acceptances at Tylertown, Crystal Springs, Harrisville, and Wesson. Others are doing likewise as the quarterly conferences are held.

Mrs. Abney, wife of the late Rev. J. T. Abney, is residing with her son, Dr. T. B. Abney, McComb. In a note to the editor she asks that we express her thanks to the many who contributed to the superannuate Christmas gift. We appreciate her word: "I love the Advocate, it is one of my best friends."

Rev. C. C. Clark, pastor at Philadelphia, and one of the staunchest friends of the Advocate. is losing no time in beginning his campaign for the paper. He has his mailing list and is looking after the interest of the organ of the Conference. Brother Clark is enthusiastic in his appraisal of the Council and he expects it to be the beginning of a great spiritual movement in the Church.

Rev. T. J. O' Neill reports an auspicious beginning of the new year at Crawford Street, Vicksburg. He has added twenty-six members since Conference bringing the total for his pastorate of the church up to three hundred and eight. Except the bonded debt, and a small bank loan, all other debts have been settled. On the bond obligation, the interest and principal payments are being met according to the terms of the contract.

In the report of the Christmas offering for the superannuates, Gallman charge, Rev. L. F. Alford, pastor, was not credited with $25 which had been sent in and was so listed in the copy sent to the Advocate. The fault was in our office and we make the correction with due apologies. In a report carrying as many figures as that, it is easy for the person holding the manuscript to miss an item, and after the reading by copy there is no chance to catch an error of that nature.

A MESSAGE FORM THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren: We have been now more than a month and a half considering the challenge of another Conference year for larger achievement, and making some preparation for accomplishing our aims. The great Missionary Council just closed in New Orleans has sent a ringing appeal to the Church as the opening of the Bishops' Crusade. The rallies will follow in rapid succession across the continent, eight each week. With one at Jackson on February 5, and another at Mobile earlier, the membership of the Mississippi Conference will have splendid opportunity to get the inspiration and catch the spirit provided through the Bishops' Crusade. Many stewards may find it impossible to attend, but all who can, and especially every lay leader, should plan to make this a memorable occasion of religious experience and spiritual development and vision. The aim is, not only a mighty mobilization of Methodists in the rallies planned, but a succession of vital, informing, convincing, and inspiring messages that shall reach the minds and hearts of the hosts of Methodism that make up our congregations and total membership.

The District Institutes will supplement the Bishops' Crusade in their organized efforts from a larger number of local points and should be well attended. The dates for these will be found in the New Orleans Advocate for December 24.

The regular church literature will be an important agency for transmitting the power of these rallies and institutes into the homes of that vast body of membership who will not attend. The great problem is, and will always be, to arouse and inform those who seem to be (or actually are) indifferent to the great spiritual challenges before the Church. If the General and Conference organs were more universally valued and read in our Methodist homes, the provision of the various sources of religious power would be more effective.

The use of MINUTE MEN in connection with the great Laymen's Missionary Movement was recognized as an important factor in the success attained. Would not the more frequent use of three-minute lay speakers, trained for the service, promote the benevolent interests throughout the year?

Up to January 1 there has been paid to the treasurer of the Mississippi Conference $384.75 on the Benevolences, as follows:

Brookhaven District, $5.00; Jackson District, $317.00; Meridian District, $46.00; Seashore District, $16.70.

J. M. SULLIVAN.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE, VICKSBURG, MISS., DISTRICT

The Missionary Institute for the Northern Group of the Vicksburg District of the Mississippi Conference met at Gibson Memorial Church in Vicksburg, at 10 a. m., January 12, with Rev. H. A. Gatlin, presiding elder, presiding.

The weather was inclement, and some

of the roads leading into Vicksburg are under construction, and when it rains, some of them are impassable, and yet a very good attendance was registered.

The general theme discussed was "Methodism Meeting Today's Needs," which theme is to be discussed at each of the seven Missionary institutes to be held within the bounds of the Mississippi Annual Conference, of which the Vicksburg Conference was the first.

Dr. G. F. Winfield, Rev. J. L. Neill, Rev. I. H. Sells, Rev. J. V. Bennett, Mr. W. T. Hawkins, and Mrs. W. T. Hegman, all of the Mississippi Conference, and Dr. W. A. Shelton, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, discussed various phases of the general theme.

Dr. Shelton is a very pleasing speaker, and completely captured his auditors, as he swept on in climax upon climax in the discussion of the modern missionary and evagelistic activities of our Church, and throughout his entire discourse, holding Jesus as the central figure and theme requisite to success in any department of Church work.

Rev. J. V. Bennett, who is in the beginning of his pastorate at Gibson Memorial, having come back home from the North Mississippi Conference last November, proved himself a most affable and efficient host. He was very ably assisted in the noble work of entertaining the Institute by his faithful wife, and a large group of other elect ladies of his congregation.

He and they were ever on the alert to minister to the comfort of all present, making the sojourn of all guests very pleasant throughout the day, and at noon they served a most delicious luncheon.

The program-closed with a consecration service in which all present took part, and the Institute passed into history, but its influence lives and no doubt will bear much fruit to the honor and glory of God.

T. J. O'NEIL, Reporter.

REV. A. J. DAVIS

Dear Dr. Duren: I regret to announce that Rev. A. J. Davis, superannuated preacher of the Mississippi Annual Conference, died at his home in Meridian, Miss., January 6.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Coker Davis, one son, Coker Davis of Dallas, Texas, and four daughters, Mrs. I. J. Powell, North Fork, W. Va., Mrs. Floyd Gressett, Meridian, Miss., Miss Mildred Davis, Jackson, Miss., and Miss Florence Davis, Gary, W. Va., one granddaughter, and also five sisters and four brothers.

Brother Davis was born February 7, 1877, at Rose Hill, Miss. He was admitted on trial to the Annual Conference in 1907. He was ordained a deacon in 1912 and ordained an elder in 1917. At his own request he was given the superannuate relation in 1935. Brother Davis was loved by all who knew him and he served his Church faithfully and fruitfully for twenty-five years. A suitable memoir will be written at a later date.

JOSEPH A. SMITH.

EXALTED

By James M. Lewis

Dear Brother Duren and readers of the Advocate:

I feel that the bishop and presiding elders of the Mississippi Conference have greatly honored me in appointing me to the Monticello circuit. To have the responsibility of more than a thousand members, four great churches, and to live in such a delightful community as is Monticello, would be an honor for a bishop himself.

After carefully reading that little book, "By the Waters of Bethesda," by Dr. J. M. Ormond, which is the book for our Mission study this year, I feel that God Himself had a large hand in my coming to this great country circuit, and by His help we hope to disturb the Healing Waters all over this country.

I feel that our great leaders are doing their best in making appointments; even when mistakes are made, God can overrule all mistakes; I believe that our presiding elders should study with the circuit riders more closely, the problem of the country church, for there is where our real problem lies.

And another thing, as Andy Gump would say: To serve this extremely large and scattering circuit requires a strong, healthy, young man, with plenty of experience and education, and either the Powers that Be, knew this charge and the type of preacher required for it, or they were very dumb. Those who know me and know this charge can draw their own conclusions.

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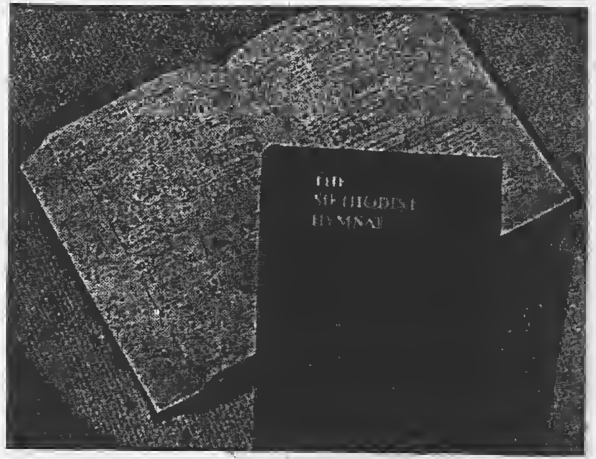

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. Ira Floyd of Sardis, has our thanks for a subscription and we gladly welcome her to the fellowship of Advocate readers.

Rev. R. T. Hollingsworth, pastor at Tutwiler, has our thanks for a gracious word of appreciation which is accompanied by a new subscription for the paper.

Mrs. R. P. Goar, whose late husband was a member of the North Mississippi Conference, is now living at Artesia, Cal. She has been a reader of the Advocate for more than fifty years and she says that its weekly visits are as calls from an old friend.

Rev. Theodore Copeland, D. D., General Evangelist residing in Dallas, Texas, was for a short time a member of the North Mississippi Conference and has held many meetings in that territory. In the list are Clarksdale, Grenada, and many of the better appointments. He is now arranging his schedule for the coming months, and those desiring to secure his service will be able to reach him at 3710 Euclid Ave., Dallas.

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TIME: Two months before Annual Conference.

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"But Brother Jones, you hint that I am an efficient pastor, don't you think that this place here needs such a man?"

"To be sure. You pulled this place out of the rut. I thought we would have to close the doors two years ago. Now, through your good work, it is on the upgrade and there is a ray of hope. The people have confidence in your leadership and they are willing to follow you in doing the work of the Lord."

"That's just it," replied the pastor, "we are doing well, and there are many other problems in this church to be solved. But since we are doing so well, why break up the combination, I've only been here two years."

"My goodness. Aren't you expecting me to promote you? Won't you be angry with me if I do not? Can't you use the extra six hundred dollars you would get at Rock Ridge?" exclaimed the astonished elder.

"Brother Jones, what constitutes a promotion in the ministry, anyway? Increased salary or increased opportunity? In my estimation the greatest opportunities for service lie in the charges paying less than one thousand dollars. We have a habit in the Methodist Conference of sending our best pastors, our first rate pastors to the big well-organized churches where their qualities of leadership training and efficient organization are seldom put to use. A second rate pastor would be an efficient man in any of the large churches because of the abundance of well trained leaders who carry on the work. On the other hand, many rural charges with wonderful opportunities for Christian development get the less efficient pastors."

"You mean the neediest churches receive the sorriest pastors because they do not pay much," said the elder.

"That's right," replied Brother Doe.

"Please tell me, Brother Pastor, how can I take an efficient two thousand dollar man and send him to an eight hundred dollar charge just because they need such a man? Would that pastor ever speak to me again?"

"I understand your point," replied the pastor. "Now, will you tell me something —what has become of the self-sacrificial spirit of the minister of the gospel? Are we in this business for salaries or for service? I realize something will have to be done and soon. The conferences will be filled with seminary graduates in the future, can you send a B. D. to an eight hundred dollar charge and keep him satisfied? To my mind the problem must be approached from two angles—the ministry must be more self-sacrificial and the low salaried charges must be aided financially. Since there will soon be an equality in ministerial efficiency there must also be an equality in salaries."

"That's a fine speech, Brother Doe, but how are we going to equalize salaries so that we can send efficient pastors to needy charges?"

"I would rather not say off hand, Mr. Elder, but with prayerful and careful study, I think the Spirit of the Lord will lead us to a Christian solution of the problem."

"Let's go back to the original question. You prefer, then, to remain here another year in preference to a move to Rock Ridge which pays a higher salary?"

"Mr. Elder, if there is no special reason why you want me to go to Rock Ridge, other than that it pays a higher salary, let me remain here where there is much work to be done."

READER.

TWO THOUGHTS FOR COUNTRY CHURCHES

A fitting follow-up to last months's discussion, "The Part of the Church in Civilization Building," is this month's feature article on "The Lord's Acre Movement." And this reminds us to venture two suggestions to all Progressive Farmer readers who are leaders in country churches:

1. Why not see how many members will plant and cultivate a "Lord's Acre" or more for the church in 1937 or adopt some similar church project with poultry or livestock?

2. Why not consider making it an annual practice to have volunteer committees go out around Christmas or New Year's and invite all tenants and newcomers in your church area to attend your church and Sunday school? This neglect of our tenant population by churches we regard as one of the crimes of our age.—The Progressive Farmer

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Whereas, not only he, but the members of his family have been for years consistent adherents of, attendants upon as well as active workers in our church in all of its departments, and

Whereas, he will be greatly missed at the regular sessions of the Sunday school, preaching services and prayer meetings, and in the councils of the official board, as well as in the community at large; Therefore be is

Resolved, First, that we members of the Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Brooksville, Miss., do hereby express our sincere appreciation of the life, character and works of Brother E. H. Johnson, and

Resolved, Second, that we are grieved because of his going, and assure the family of our sympathy and prayers during these days when the shadows have fallen athwart the threshold of their home.

Resolved, Third, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of our Sunday school, a copy sent to the press and a copy placed in the hands of the family.

T. T. DANIELS, Superintendent.
W. W. DAWSON, Secretary.
Brooksville, Miss.
January 3, 1937.

"LORD'S ACRE" MOVEMENT

(Continued from page 5)

in the raising of chickens, pigs, calves, potatoes, corn, cotton, for the Lord. What a wonderful training, too, in Christian stewardship! Just as the demonstration projects in vocational agriculture are bringing together theory and practice on the farm, so the use of the Lord's Acre plan is helping to unite the **teachings** of religion to the **practice** of religion.

Character and Co-operation

The country church is coming more clearly to understand that the Lord's Acre plan is not a substitute for other proved methods of financing but a substantial supplement to them and a stimulus to them, and that the plan, in every way, strengthens both farm and church life. It builds character; it furthers co-operation; it makes worship more vital. Consequently, the church will increasingly enlist its members in worthy Lord's Acre projects. John Frederic Oberlin, in his historic work among the country people in the Vosges Mountains, is said to have required all candidates for church membership to plant and nurture a tree, symbolizing the union of religion and daily work in nature. Dr. Kagawa, the outstanding Christian leader of Japan, has been teaching Japanese Christians to plant and harvest for the Lord. Speaking at the annual meeting of the churches in the Lord's Acre movement at Asheville last January, Dr. Kagawa said: "Without that kind of movement it is utterly impossible to bring up a real Christian nation."

Strong as this statement is, I believe Dr. Kagawa is right. I believe too the time is rapidly coming when the carrying through of Lord's Acre projects will be universally inwrought with the worship and life of the country church to the glory of God and to the blessing of man.

—The Progressive Farmer.

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, JANUARY 24

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

MIRACLES OF MERCY

What men think of miracles depends on what they think of Christ. If he was what most of the Christian world believes, his personality was unique and his wisdom and power without parallel. That he should have an understanding of men and an insight into nature possessed by no other does not astonish us. We should be amazed to find it otherwise. One who did always the Father's will must have done what God himself would have done had he walked in human form. The material world is both inferior to and subject to spiritual power. Moreover, there are still secrets of nature unfathomed by man, forces unseen and laws undiscovered.

There are many pools intermittently filled by underground siphons. They always attract attention and interest. The one in the lesson was believed to have special healing qualities, accentuated when the new supply of water came bubbling in. Many were gathered about it when Jesus approached. He appears to have addressed himself to the worst case, in keeping with his mission and his custom. Perhaps no other was ready to respond with mind and body, with will and effort. Why do churches and pastors so consistently avoid the worst cases, the town's rakes and bums? Are they not human? Do they not have hungry hearts? Are they not sick? What new courage and faith would come to your church with the saving of one such case. With human co-operation, nothing is too hard for God. Call them miracles, faith cures, or what you will—great results follow slight causes when the human heart and will are set on worthy goals.

God uses such means as are available, great or small, perfect or imperfect. Jesus was moved with compassion for hungry thousands. The apostles were present but unprepared to help. There was only a lad and his lunch. That was enough. With a bit of human co-operation —and Jesus—there was enough and to spare, but nothing to waste! It was a "sign"—a sign of power, a token of the satisfying bread of life, an earnest of marvels yet to be.

The multitude was impressed. Some would make him king, a king after their own hearts! Plenty of power, plenty of bread, conquest, victory—Jerusalem over Rome, Jew over Gentile. They really meant it, and now was the time to start. Others would kill him. Was not this the Sabbath? And had Jesus not only healed the man, but commanded him to take up his pallet and walk? It was outrageous. It violated tradition. They would hasten to kill him before the others could crown him. Both misunderstood him. Jesus went to the mountains, doubtless to pray.

Pain and hunger are still with us. Men blame God for the ills of life. Jesus shows us that God is always against ill and evil, and on the side of man. His resources are sufficient for their alleviation, even for their eradication, but largely unused for lack of human agencies. Thousands starve while food is used for fuel. Mothers and babes die, though society knows well that medical aid would preserve their lives. Typhoid and tuberculosis take their toll because men do not use sanitation and precaution. God's resources are ample. Human co-operation is lacking. It would cost the church or state a lot of money to undertake it—and we need money for—amusements and armaments. There are still multitudes of hungry and impotent folk, but not in such proportions as when Jesus came.

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PARABLE

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Mother had instituted a "quiet hour," and after the boys had finished the chores and the girls had done the evening dishes, the family used to gather in the old-fashioned parlor, where Mother and Dad would discuss with the children the perplexing problems met during the day.

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GREAT RELATIVES
(Adapted)

I was in a little English village, a gentleman said, and I came across a doctor who interested me very much because of his great relations. He told me that his wife had an old aunt, eighty-two years of age, who was a daughter of Robert Moffat, the great missionary to South Africa. Robert Moffat the Missionary!—why, when he said that, you might have knocked me down with a feather. He went on to say that his wife had another aunt, now dead, who married David Livingston, the great missionary and explorer, of Africa. David Livingston, the missionary and explorer!—why, when he added that, you might have knocked me up again with another feather.

When I got my breath, I said to the doctor: "I call those very great relations indeed. You must be proud to have them." "Ye-es," he answered, "But—" "But what?" "Well, you see, it's a great deal to live up to," he said. "Why, yes, so it is," I agreed.

Now there are many folks who boast of their great relations. "Hon. George—," they will say, "is my brother. You know him, of course. Well' he's my brother." Or else: "You have heard of Col. John—? Certainly, you have; everybody who is anybody has heard of the Colonel. Well, he's my cousin, you know." They swagger as they say it. But as for me, boys and girls, I would rather be related to Robert Moffat, the missionary, and David Livingston, the missionary and explorer, than to be related to the richest or the most famous man living.

But there's something more wonderful still in the way of relations. We may actually be related to the Lord Jesus Christ. We may even be his little brothers and sisters. Yes, we may, for He said so himself. "Whosoever shall do the will of God," He said one day, "the same is My brother and My sister." "My brother!" "My sister!" Fancy the Lord Jesus Christ saying that about you and me! Isn't it great? Well, I call it grand, if you ask me. But he won't own us unless we do the will of God. Yet even that isn't so hard, if we ask Jesus, our Big Brother, to help us.

BENJAMIN J. GIBBON.

"COUNTRY THINGS I LOVE MOST"

I love winter in the Mississippi hills, winter that brings cold days and the pure, strong air of frosty mornings.

I love the early morning rising in winter—getting up before day breaks and starting our daily tasks and the duties that make life worth living; wading out into the snow to give the hogs warm food, putting more hay into the stables for the stock, brushing the snow away from the chicken pens as the little chicks scramble for the grains I drop.

I love the time after the chores are done, when the family gathers around the table, each with folded arms and bowed head, while the father gives thanks and asks a blessing upon his home. I love the big wood fire after supper, spluttering, sparkling, inviting the family to gather around its warmth.

And at last, with tired bones and eyelids drooping, I love to get into bed between soft white sheets, pull warm covers over my shoulders, and thank God for another day in which I have enjoyed the things that I love most.—MRS. HULETT BAHM, Amite County, Miss., in The Progressive Farmer.

HITTING OFF THE STORY

It was in a Methodist home where the Sunday school lesson was studied and was also a topic of discussion at the fireside. One day a little tad four or five years old piped up:

"Granny, I know what the Sunday school lesson is about."

"Well, what is it about, Oliver?"

"It's about—er—it's —er—about Zachariah."

"Well, what about Zacharias?"

"He went into the temple to burn his insides out and a' angel come to him and say 'Zachariah, a little boy comin' to your house.' Zachariah say, 'How you know?' and he dum'd him right there. You better not ask 'a angel how he know. He dum' you sho."

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Methodist Women

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
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Our hearts have been made glad ,as we have learned that Louisiana Conference is leading all Conferences in "Scarritt Associates." Mrs. Gilman McConnell, of Baton Rouge, is director of this work and all credit is due her for this excellent record. Auxiliaries that have not responded to this call from our beloved Scarritt College please do so as soon as possible. Anyone may become a Scarritt Associate by contributing any sum of money. No stated amount is asked. Please send checks with names and addresses to Mrs. McConnell, Baton Rouge. The following interesting letter was received from Mr. J. Earl Moreland, of Scarritt College:

"Dear Mrs. McConnell: I have your good letter of December 26th, enclosing eighty-one new Associate memberships, along with $60.15 in payment of the same.

"Please accept our deepest appreciation for this magnificent report. I believe Dr. Cunningham and I are agreed that no finer Christmas present was received at Scarritt during this joyous season than the one which your letter brought us. This puts the Louisiana Conference considerably in the lead of all the Conferences in our Church in Associate memberships.

"Please accept my hearty congratulations along with my personal appreciation for the unusually fine co-operation which you are giving to our work at Scarritt College."

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A number of interesting zone meetings have been reported for the fourth quarter of 1936. Zone No. 5 of the Alexandria District held its meeting in Jonesville, with Mrs. W. D. Milton, zone leader, presiding. The theme of the program was "World Peace." Mrs. C. O. Williams, of Good Pine; Mrs. Dewitt, of Sicily Island; Mrs. Hall, of Ferriday; Mrs. Farrar, of Jonesville; Mrs. Gallaher, of Trout, and Mrs. Dunford, of Rochelle, gave illuminating talks pertaining to this vital subject.

At the close of the afternoon session a life membership was presented to the zone leader, Mrs. Milton.

The Jonesville auxiliary served a bountiful thanksgiving dinner to all present.

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Zone No. 1 of the Baton Rouge District held its quarterly meeting in Istrouma. Mrs. William Schuhle, the capable zone leader, presided. The following program was given: Devotional, Mrs. M. L. Arnold; Special Music, "Bringing in the Sheaves," by Mrs. Tycer and Mrs. Smith, of Istrouma; "The Field," Mrs. F. J. Mechlin; "The Worker," Zachary auxiliary; "The Tools," Mrs. Charles Halsell; "Inspection Check-up," the secretary, Mrs. Fairchild. The service was closed with a special song, "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling," by Mrs. Raborn and Mrs. Hammond, of Istrouma. This meeting was a Harvest Day program, and the decorations of fruits, grains and grasses gave an ideal setting for this kind of program.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Stanley Wilson,
2212 Fifteenth St., Meridian, Miss.

"GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE"

Mrs. A. A. Lyon, publicity superintendent of the Fayette auxiliary writes:

The Fayette auxiliary of the Vicksburg District has just ended a most successful year's work and material and spiritual blessings have been many.

The local work has gone along with the connectional work. A new heatrola and a new garage for the parsonage and several little items have helped make our pastor and his family more comfortable.

The Mathilde Killingsworth Special was given to generously. Mathilde was the first president of the Fayette Young Women's Auxiliary and we love her.

During the year we have entertained the District Missionary Conference and zone meeting and the ministerial and lay leaders conference of the southern half of the Vicksburg District

We sent our president to Conference at Meridian and the study superintendent to the Pastors' School at Biloxi. These were worth many times the cost, giving us an insight to the things our conference officers were asking us to do.

The spiritual life group, under the loving guidance of the pastor's wife. Mrs. J. M. Corley, has meant so much to us and much good has come from these quiet hours together.

Every business, mission and Bible and social meeting has been held with unusually large attendance and the interest far above the average.

All specials and the pledges have been paid, two life memberships given and we are eligible for the Jubilee Honor Roll.

The Young Women's Circle gave their superintendent, Mrs. A. C. Puffer, a life membership. It came as such a surprise that "Miss Susie" just fanned and cried. Werdna tried to say "thank you" for her mother and she . . . The circle members just choked, looked at each other . . . for joy and happiness. It was truly a membership given to a wonderful woman.

The adult members gave Mrs. W. R. Easterling, their retiring president a life membership in appreciation of her faithful work with them. The co-operation of president and members has been one of harmony and love and the giving of this membership means (as expressed by Mrs. Easterling) "the greatest thing to be given in the Mississippi Conference."

We are eager to begin work for 1937 for even a greater year.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

I know that this is the beginning of our new year for I have four reports of auxiliary activities. The first two to arrive are the first two to find a place in this column.

I have always been a staunch advocate of the new hands at the helm because I believe every woman has a distinctive contribution to make to her Missionary Society. But, I do not mean to say that one who is sincere cannot guide as unmistakably through many years as one who makes the most of her one year. To illustrate this I have only to call your attention to these two first reports. One report comes from Como where the president has served seventeen years. The other comes from Clarksdale where the president served only one year.

In another way these two reports differ. One is a summary of 1936. Notice in it 6000 Octagon Coupons and two life members with a membership of only 43. The other is an outline for the work in 1937. Even from this short sketch one is sure that every member has a definite idea of her obligation and the societies goal for the year.

COMO MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

An unusually interesting meeting by the W. M. S. was held in the parlor of the Methodist Church on Monday with 43 members in attendance. Circle 4 gave the program, led by Mrs. J. P. Brown and assisted by Mrs. J. W. Wooten, Sr. The missionary topic was "My Gift Complete."

The president stated that this had been the best year of the seventeen that she had served. The efficiency aim had been reached. Two life memberships had been given. Over six thousand Octagon cou-

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In Memoriam

RESOLUTIONS

After a long and useful life, our Heavenly Father saw fit, on June 27, 1936, to call to her reward, Mrs. Jane P. Shelby.

Mrs. Shelby was a charter member of the Shelby Missionary Society, and was responsible in a large measure for its growth and development through the years. In appreciation of this devoted interest to the Master's work, we offer these resolutions:

Whereas, a beautiful, busy and consecrated life was finished when our beloved member, Mrs. Shelby, was called to come up higher, and enter into the reward that awaits God's people, and

Whereas, our Missionary Society of Shelby recognizes the great loss they have sustained in the death of Mrs. Shelby; therefore be it

Resolved, first, that in the death of Mrs. Shelby, our society has lost a leader in Christian work, efficient, and devoted to the missionary cause.

Resolved, second, that we submissively bow to this dispensation of Providence, and pray that every woman in our society, in emulation of her Christian life, may be inspired to more loyal missionary service.

Resolved, third, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our society, and copies be sent to the New Orleans Christian Advocate for publication, and to her family.

MRS. A. M. WOOTEN,
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LEONARD W. BOWIE

The death of Leonard W. Bowie took place in the hospital at Vicksburg, on December 22, 1926.

Mr. Bowie was for many years a beloved and highly respected citizen of Copiah County, having lived the greater part of his life there.

He was born at Martinville June 2, 1861, later moving to Wesson, where he made his home for a long time, he married Mrs. Mary Louise Steel, of Wesson, who preceded him in death 15 years ago. He was tax assessor of Copiah County for four years—from 1912 to 1916—was a devout member of the Methodist Church, serving for a long time as Sunday school superintendent, also on the board of stewards. For the past few years he had made his home with his children and was at the time of his last illness in the home of his son, M. E. Bowie, of Cameta, Miss.

Mr. Bowie is survived by two sons and three daughters, M. E. Bowie of Cameta, F. L. Bowie of Holly Bluff, Mrs. A. L. Moreland, Mrs. Lottie Cole of Memphis and Mrs. W. O'Bryan of Benoit, Miss., all of whom were at his bedside when he passed away. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Joe King of Stronghope, Miss. By his own request he was buried at Yazoo City. Services were conducted by Rev. Fleet Jones, pastor of the Methodist church at Satartia, who was his neighbor and friend for many years, assisted by Rev. L. J. Snelgrove, pastor of the Methodist church at Holly Bluff, where Mr. Bowie held his membership at the time of his death.

A. FRIEND.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Whereas, in the Providence of our all-wise Heavenly Father, he has called to his eternal reward our noble friend and brother, Rev. Dan C. Barr;

Therefore, be it resolved, by the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Methodist Church in its regular meeting at Ruston, La., January 12, 1937, that we hereby express our very keen sense of the deep loss that has come to our Orphanage in his going. For many years Brother Barr rendered faithful, efficient and effective service in securing valuable donations of produce, groceries and money at Thanksviging time, for the Orphanage, and was at all times a noble and devoted friend of our work. This service will be greatly missed.

Be it further resolved, that we greatly appreciated his noble Christian character, his loyalty and devotion to the Church, his interest and help in every good cause, and the kindly nature, lofty ideals and enthusiastic love for humanity he maintained throughout his long and useful life.

That we hereby express to his loved ones our deepest sympathy and pray that our Heavenly Father may bring the comfort and consolation they so greatly need.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our Institution, a copy sent to the family, and a copy be furnished to the Monroe Star and the New Orleans Christian Advocate for publication.

HON. S. D. PEARCE, President,
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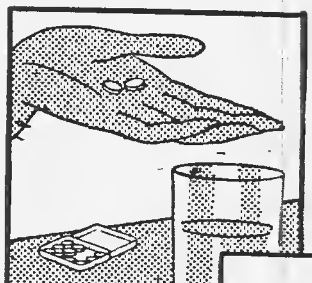

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NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

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pons had been secured, and all lines of activity attended to.

Circle officers made their final reports and the circle chairmen for 1937 read their lists of members for the new year.

Committees were appointed to look after church donations, the Christmas tree and the sick and needy.

CLARKSDALE MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The new year of missionary endeavor opened auspiciously at the Methodist church on Monday afternoon.

A rising vote testified to the appreciation of the society for the very able leadership displayed by Mrs. B. L. Echols who retired following a brief installation service conducted by the Rev. J. E. Stephens. The new president, Mrs. H. D. Corley, then, assumed the chair to announce briefly a few of the plans for the coming year.

Circle leaders of the eight circles which are to meet in groups of two's in the members' homes were read. The first and second Mondays will, for the present, be employed in Bible study under the general supervision of Mrs. H. L. Stoddard. The third Monday will be for the World Outlook program and the fourth for the business and social meeting. Flowers for the church will be in charge of Mrs. Willis Connell and Mrs. John Carr, though circle leaders are to assist. Mrs. Denton will supervise luncheons given monthly for the business women's missionary society. Mrs. Louis Bennett's circle led with an attendance of fourteen. Six new members were announced.

Outlines were distributed containing a number of thought questions which are to be answered each following lesson by information gained from the previous lesson. Monday's lesson was presented by the Rev. J. E. Stephens who discussed the summary prepared for study, "Paul and His Epistles."

The meeting places for next Monday were read and the benediction said, thus closing a very satisfactory first meeting of the year.

A HEART OF LOVE

Dr. Grenfell tells of an old fisherman, rich in trust, who was given to hospitality." He was seventy-three years of age, and had fed many hungry folk during the "hard" winters; and when times grew unusually hard this old man of faith brought forth, twelve dirty, well-worn five-dollar bills, as a last resort. This money, his entire savings, he gave to the missionary to buy food for needy neighbors. But Dr. Grenfell remonstrated; "You are getting old, and you shouldn't cut the last plank away yet." Then the hardy fisherman of many perils answered: "He'll take care, doctor; guess I can trust Him. It wouldn't do not to have used that sixty dollars, and have sent folk away hungry, would it, doctor? It would look as if I didn't have much trust in him."—Southern Churchman.

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Wallet of the Week

THE MISSIONARY AND MAINTENANCE FUND of the United Church of Canada, on December 31, was almost abreast of the contributions for the previous year, and there are good prospects that the goal of a ten per cent increase for the year may be reached. The fiscal year ends on January 20, but the books will be kept open until January 31 in order that the late remittances of local church treasurers may be included in the report for the year. The total amount in the hands of the treasurer up to December 30, was $957,720.61.

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THE DUTCH BIBLE SOCIETY is making great preparation for the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the Authorized Dutch Version of the Scriptures. A particular feature of the celebration will be the production of a Dutch edition of the **Speaking Bible** for the blind. The celebration will furnish an interesting contrast to the activities of the Godless and Freethinkers whose assembling in Moscow next month will have for its avowed purpose the destruction of all religion in all lands.

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JAPANESE POPULATION, according to the letter of a missionary, increased slightly more than a million last year, and the present total population of Japan proper is 70,250,200. An interesting fact is the drift of the population to urban centers. Ninety-five per cent of the increase was in the cities, though two-thirds of the population is rural. Tokyo has a population of approximately six million, while Yokahama, which is only a few miles away, has three quarters of a million. The Osaka-Kobe area has about five million, while Kioto, only a few miles distant, has more than a million. Tokyo's municipality is second only to New York among the world's greatest cities.

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DR. MAUDE ROYDEN, the foremost woman preacher in the world, is to tour the United States in the interest of the Emergency Peace Campaign. She is to be the feature lecturer in a series of engagements to extend over a period of two months. Miss Royden was the founder of the famous Guildhouse in London, the purpose of whose "Fellowship Service" she summarized thus: "We believe that Christianity is the solution of the world's problems, and we desire to proclaim it in a place where the unbeliever may express his doubt and the believer discuss his failures. We offer ourselves to God to be of service to our fellows."

A GRAVE FOR JESUS is said to be a novel provision of the Mohammedans of Mecca. It appears that the followers of Islam believe that Jesus did not die, but that he was miraculously taken up to God, and that another was crucified in his place. They expect that he will come back to earth and will slay the anti-Christ. It is difficult to understand how, even to the most superstitious mind, such ideas of miraculous intervention and divine power can be reconciled with the need of a grave.

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THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE reports the total membership of Baptist Churches throughout the world as 11,654,881. The total gain for 1936 was 162,222, or slightly more than one and four-tenths per cent. There was a gain of eight per cent in South America, in Africa three per cent, and one and one-half per cent in North America. Japan showed no gain, there was a loss in the West Indies, Central America and Jamaica, and the loss in British Baptist Churches was the largest in years. Approximately ten and a quarter million of Baptist membership is in North America.

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METAL BEARING ORES are often discovered through outcroppings of rocks or through fissures caused by earthquake disturbances which lifted the earth's crust. Through such faults or breaks iron ores and seams of coal are disclosed, and through rock fissures pour streams of sand freighted with particles of gold. Thus the deep secret of God's hidden treasure is often brought to light. The might and the mind of the Eternal reveal the wealth which represents at once the foresight of God, and the dowry of the human race—the wisdom of God and the goodness of God.

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THE ASHANTI TRIBE, a backward and primitive race living in West Africa, four hundred miles east of Liberia, have made little progress in the arts and sciences which distinguish the higher types of civilization. Since the beginning of the twentieth century they have been practically under a British protectorate. By means of high-pitched and low-pitched "talking drums," they have developed an astounding means of communication which imitates spoken language so perfectly that the "jungle wireless can be interpreted by an expert as fast and as accurately as spoken words. This marvelous achievement represents the genius of an uninventive and half-savage race.

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EDITORIAL

NOT BY MIGHT

One of the amazing facts in the progress of Christian civilization has been the extent to which minorities have shaped and sometimes even dominated history. It was a band of humble men, unknown to influence and to fame, who captured Saul of Tarsus, the mightiest man of his day, and who set their little world agog by their enthusiasm for a man who had been done to death on a Roman cross. It was a mere handful of men, dispersed by ruthless persecution, whose devotion captured a pagan world and made it the vassal of Jesus Christ. Down through the centuries humble men, chosen of God, have been thrust into places of leadership, and they have exercised an influence in human affairs all out of proportion to what was indicated by their social, economic, or intellectual position. In China and Japan, the numerical strength of Christianity is almost a negligible factor, but Christianity is, nevertheless, a disproportionately powerful influence in those lands which teem with pagan millions. The only satisfactory explanation of the predominant influence of Christian minorities is that which Napoleon is said to have offered as an explanation of Christianity itself: "The love of Christ constraineth us." Martyrs, "rice" Christians, and those expatriates, who have been compelled to give up their fatherland for their faith, are themselves convincing commentaries upon the reality of Jesus Christ and salvation through him, and the witnessing of those devoted souls has an irresistible appeal. Dominance is not a matter of numbers, neither is it a matter of social, economic, or intellectual prestige; but it is the impact of convinced men, of spirits aflame with passion, on rudderless masses who wait for a clear call from the heights. "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." If we would only re-evaluate Christianity in the light of that great word of the prophet, the frontiers of the civilized world would be less bristling than they are at the present moment, and the wealth of the world could be released for nobler uses than preparation for war.

MINISTERS' WEEK AT EMORY UNIVERSITY

The Ministers' Week just ended was probably the best and the most helpful which has been held thus far. The attendance was slightly less than was expected. Owing to a conflict with the Bishops' Crusade, the ministers in some sections were not able to attend. There were, however, more than one hundred and fifty preachers and wives of preachers who, in addition to the student body and the local constituency, made an impressive audience. At every service held in Glenn Memorial Church, the spacious auditorium was comfortably filled.

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, Methodist Episcopal, New York, was the Quillian Lecturer and, in addition, was the speaker for the noon service of Religious Emphasis Week. In both responsibilities, he measured up to every expectation and he maintained a high-tide of interest and enthusiasm throughout the week. At no time do we recall having heard a more forceful and happy speaker, nor have we heard more dynamic, timely, or felicitously phrased messages. Those who had the privilege of hearing Dr. Sockman will not soon forget his very unusual addresses—his magnetism and the charm of his personality will long be a glorious recollection. To the wide circle of his friendships, he added a host of men and women who will greet him with an enthusiastic welcome when he may see fit to visit the Southland again.

In a seminar devoted to "Personal Counseling," Dr. Richard H. Edwards, since 1910 Executive Secretary of the Cornell United Religious Work at Cornell University, rendered a very valuable service to those who shared the fellowship circle of which he was the center. Dr. Edwards is a Presbyterian minister and an author of note, and he has served long and well the field to which he has devoted his life.

Various courses were taught by members of the faculty of Candler School of Theology of Emory University. At the close of the session, announcement was made that arrangements had been practically concluded by which Dr. Buttrick, whose preaching made a profound impression during the recent Preaching Mission, would be the speaker for Ministers' Week a year hence.

OUR RADIO AGE

That inimitable humorist, Governor Bob Taylor of Tennessee, used to convulse his audiences with laughter by his exaggeration of the possibilities of electricity as a means of transportation. He referred to a time when a man might get into an electro-scoot in New York, press a button and arrive in San Francisco two hours before he started. That exaggeration of the shortening of the distance between two points which Bob Taylor used for its humorous suggestion is developing more serious aspects in our day when speech is made to girdle the earth in an instant. A shortened line and the reduction of civilization to a least common denominator of effort and raising a minimum of effort to the nth power are no longer just humorous suggestions, but they are made to assume the appearance of reality. Chimerical as they once seemed, such schemes are being plotted with mathematical exactness by scientists and engineers of our radio era. A chemical vat in the backyard and a sure-fire crop of cucumbers and tomatoes the year round, proposed by a wizard in California, has Jack and the Bean Stalk backed off the board. The suggestion of a national canning factory makes the temporary grain bins of Egypt, in the days of Joseph, sound like a dream of the Lilliputians. And two hundred per month for those who have grown too old to tend a vat, an echo from Capitol Hill, leaves little to imagine or desire. Add to this a national educational system requiring but half a hundred radio teachers for a complete course from the grammar school through the university; a radio doctor boot-legging quack nostrums which rival "moles feet," "buckeyes" and the burning of ghost money for effectiveness; and a radio preacher, hidden behind the impenetrable screen of distance, whose soft words and beautiful speech exact neither tithes nor offerings, and the picture of scrapped manhood and incarnate selfishness is complete. One may listen to such and imagine that the world is surely going places, but the fact is such a one is just plain dizzy. No bomb-proof refuge of selfishness and indolence can discover the genius of a great race. It will mean the development of a cucumber and tomato civilization; a return to the practice of conjuring and amulets; the enthronement of a theology of "old wives fables;" and a millennium of mist, streamlined, milk-white and shock-proof; but civilization and the soul of man will get the gong.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

ON THE ART OF BEING READY

As I sit by an open window on this warm January day, I see a yard full of green grass, and flower-beds beginning to look as if spring were already here. Spring is not here; and it is very likely that the grass and plants will feel the effects of ice and sleet and snow before the winter is over. But I am interested to know that the seeds and roots were ready, and the first chance they had—these few warm days—they shot out of the ground in a hurry. They were not expecting warm weather this time of year—but it didn't catch them unprepared.

A school boy was doing chores around the house. His task that day was to build a chicken-coop. A schoolmate stopped in to watch him work. He was taking a lot of pains with that coop. His friend said: "Why do you go to so much trouble—it's nothing but a chicken-coop?" The boy replied: "I want the best coop I know how to make." A few years later when a great corporation wanted a young man that could be depended on for a responsible position, the boy that wouldn't slight a chicken-coop got the job—he was ready.

A young basket-maker became interested in the Italian language and literature. Through years of study he mastered the subject. When a great English university was looking for the best-equipped man in the world to head its department of the Italian language and literature, it found the basket maker. He got the place—he was ready.

A four-year-old Negro boy found a bottle of whiskey in his cabin. He didn't know what it was, but he took a big drink. It made him deathly sick. When his mother found him, she didn't give him a whipping, but she did give him a good lecture. She told him that if he wanted to be a big strong man, he would have to let whiskey and tobacco alone. Young as he was, he remembered what his mother told him. As a professional prize fighter today, he has lost only one of thirty-two fights. Some of the experts in such matters say that Joe Louis is almost sure to win the world heavy-weight championship. Since becoming famous in the sporting world he has had many offers of big fees to endorse liquor and tobacco in advertisements—and has promptly turned them all down. He even refused a lucrative offer to appear on a radio program sponsored by a distiller. When his chance comes to win the championship he intends to be physically fit.

While we are getting ready to meet the crises of this life, we might as well think of the next also. The Judgment intervenes.

News and Views

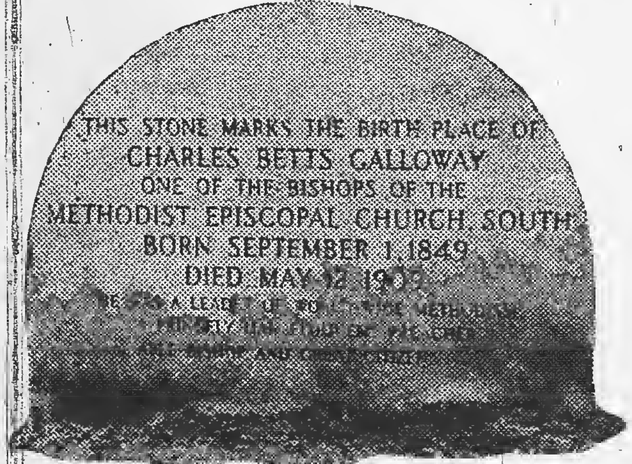
CHARLES BETTS GALLOWAY

(This address is published at the request of the North Mississippi Conference.—Editor.)

We do not meet to dedicate this plot of ground, but as friends of a great man and guardians of a great memory. We are here to confess our interest in a great and worthy life. On September 1, a little more than eighty-seven years ago, this plot of ground was consecrated by the birth of Charles Betts Galloway, and here was his home for fourteen formative years of his life. No other city can claim to have been his childhood home, for in two and a half years after his removal from this spot, he was a matriculate at the University of Mississippi, and from there he entered upon that pilgrim path which he followed to the day of his death. The honor, therefore, of being the birthplace and the childhood home of one of the most widely known and influential Mississippians, of one of the greatest sons of the Methodism of the South, and one of the foremost figures in the religious life and the social leadership of the nation a generation ago is the uncontested right of this little city of Kosciusko. Gathering at this site today we do ourselves honor as we pay tribute to the life and character of this remarkable man, the product of our Southland.

The occasion does not lend itself to, nor does time permit even the briefest review of the details of that busy and eventful life. He left us when as yet he had not reached his sixtieth milestone, but what a romance of personal achievement he has left, what an abiding imprint he made upon his generation, and what a record of substantial and abiding fame he bequeathed for our inspiration! The most that we shall be able to do today is to indicate the high lights of his progress and to offer brief comment upon the personal characteristics which brought him fame and made him a trusted leader in his generation.

To begin with, he was from the earliest period and throughout his life a perfect example of a noble strain of unspoiled humanity. In no respect was he in the least degree artificial. He came to an ecclesiastical eminence, which he adorned with a great life and laid down without a touch of stain, and without the surrender of the unaffected simplicity and charm of his radiant personality. He occupied his great position in the Church without the exhibition of the official airs which constitute the pitiful defences of smaller souls. He was so thoroughly human in his interests that he valued the mechanics of effort only and solely as they contributed to utilizing the dynamics of life. The retention of his native simplicity and candor made him the brother of every man in need, and it helped him to a friendly and a just appraisal of the struggles of men, regardless of race or social position. In 1878, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, his brother heart carried him down to the very gates of death, and the perfect transparency of his soul was disclosed in a memorial tribute to President Grant. Offsetting the charge of credulity on the part of the President, he said: "Better trust all men and be deceived than cultivate a suspicious disposition that robs the soul of all sincere and generous affections."


THIS STONE MARKS THE BIRTH PLACE OF
CHARLES BETTS GALLOWAY
ONE OF THE BISHOPS OF THE
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DIED MAY 12, 1909

To imagine, however, that Bishop Galloway's life was only a spontaneous outrush of human nature would be wide of the mark. He was interested in and he was an assiduous student of everything that had bearing upon his task. His private notebooks which he never expected to fall into the hands of another, show that he made himself the absolute master of the history, the social customs and the economic status of every land that he visited. Through his perfect familiarity with the history and the inspiring traditions to which the hearts of men respond, he secured entree to multitudes everywhere.

Again, his native endowment and his laborious acquisitions were made wholesome and appealing by a profound Christian experience and an unwavering faith. One of the surprises of my study of his life was the degree of his commitment to the fundamentals of the Christian faith. He was never a ranting fanatic, but he was immovable in his spiritual anchorage. We can give but two or three illustrations of his passionate devotion to Christ and his Gospel. He saw a Buddhist mother following her dead child to the grave and he said: "Poor, poor mother! following her dead child to the tomb or to the oven, without a hope for the future, or a balm for her present sorrow." On his first official visit to the Orient, he saw the Christless multitudes of old China and he exclaimed: "How I longed for a mastery of their vernacular in order to make an appeal for my Lord." In Jerusalem, he was shown the pavement over which Jesus walked bearing his cross, and he said: "I could not resist the impulse to stoop down and press with my hands the stones on which those holy feet had walked bearing the sins of the world." One can never appreciate the surge of such emotion until he feels the thrill of being on the path along which Jesus traveled in that sacred hour. I have seen strong men get down and literally kiss the stones with passionate fervor.

That for which Bishop Galloway was most widely famous was his superb oratory. It gave a touch of glory to every phase of his life. He was the last distinguished representative of a distinctly Southern type of oratory, and with him perished an age of forensic splendor. His personality, his bearing and his rich and melodious voice would have placed him at ease in the golden age of American orators. But his oratory was much more than the accident of his personality, or the unearned effect of his musical voice. He toiled to clothe his thought in entrancing words and he studied constantly the witchery of the masters. Webster, Calhoun, Clay, Prentiss, Davis and Lamar were names often upon his lips. They embodied the oratorical ideals of his heart and they were worthy examples of the genius and the power of oratory at its best. In his day he was probably the premier of American orators, and to this hour the echoes of his resonant voice still linger in the memory of those who knew the thrill of his matchless speech.

So also one may say with confidence that he was a remarkably gifted preacher. He was not profound in his dealing with metaphysical or theological subtleties, but he was a man whose preaching was remarkable for its charm and effectiveness. His pulpit was no theological chair; it was the forum of a prophet and a pedes-

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. L. L. Upton, Slaughter, renews her subscription for the Advocate and says that it is her policy to keep her old friends, and the Advocate has been a friend since her childhood.

Rev. D. B. Boddie, pastor at Sulphur, delights us with his generous praise of the Advocate. He likes the new arrangement of its material, and he says, "It seems to me that the paper gets better with each issue." We are always glad to have such words of encouragement.

The editor of this paper spent the past week in Atlanta, Georgia, where he shared the privileges of Ministers' Week. He was a guest in the home of Dean Franklin N. Parker of Candler School of Theology, who with Mrs. Parker and their two daughters, exhibit hospitality at its best.

Rev. John B. Culpepper, Sr., long one of the outstanding evangelists of the South, died at Memphis, Tenn., on Friday, January 15. He leaves two minister-sons, Rev. J. B. Culpepper, Jr., Okeechobee, Fla., and Rev. Burke Culpepper of Memphis, one of the general evangelists of our church.

Several congregations in the Lake Charles District have reported commendable progress since Annual Conference. From Abbeville comes reports of a new electric organ, new hymnals and racks, all installed and paid for through a voluntary offering amounting to $1,400.00. Rev. Ellis Smith and his people are to be congratulated.

Rev. C. B. White, in a business letter to the office, hints that the work on the Hodge, Louisiana, charge has gotten off to a fine start for the new year, and promises to keep us informed as to what is happening in the way of news in the Ruston District. Brother White has been appointed District reporter for the Advocate during 1937.

That Rev. R. S. Walton is happily situated in his new appointment, Kentwood, La., is very evident as the following will indicate: "We are glad to serve again the church that we served in 1912 and 1913. During those two years we received 76 new members. It is a joy and an inspiration to see among the present membership some of those who were received during these former years."

DeRidder reports through its pastor, Rev. A. S. Lutz, that some physical improvements have been made in the form of a new garage and a new rug for the parsonage. The church program has included the presentation of a Christmas pageant, Student Appreciation service, College Day, and an Installation Service for the Board of Stewards. Plans are under way for a pre-Easter revival service.

Rev. A. A. McKnight is very happy in his field of labor, at Amite, Louisiana. So much so, that he is reminded of a recent editorial of Dr. H. T. Carley's, and joins him in urging, ". . . if we're dreaming, I certainly hope we will not be disturbed." To this, however, he adds, "we are very much awake," having completed the organization of the various departments of the church, and are looking forward to a great year in the service of the Lord.

Under the leadership of Rev. R. H. Staples, the Coushatta, La., charge, moves forward with an increased budget and a goodly number of its members pledged to tithe. Quoting from a recent business letter, Brother Staples says: "We had Dr. Manget with us in December, gave an offering to his work, and raised about $27.00 for the superannuates. We expect this to be our best year here if the good start made may be accepted as an indication."

Rev. W. F. Henderson, Jr., writing from his new appointment, Clay, Louisiana, states that he has received a warm welcome, and is happily situated among the finest people it has been his privilege to work with. The pastor and his family were the recipients of a generous pounding upon their arrival, and good things are constantly finding their way to the parsonage from these loyal people. Brother Henderson reports good congregations at all preaching points despite heavy rains. The charge accepted the same apportionment as last year on the Benevolences. Accordingly, the outlook for the year is very encouraging.

At Lafayette the church has made commendable progress with its finance campaign. The newly adopted unified budget plan has received good response. The Student Recognition Day program on January 10 was broadcast over station KVOL. The Board of Christian Education and Board of Stewards have been reorganized. The ladies of the church were hostesses to the District Woman's Missionary study course session. Despite heavy rains there was a splendid attendance. Pastor A. L. Gilmore also reports that a number of students at S. L. I. are making plans to attend the Methodist Students' Conference at L. S. U. in February.

RUSTON DISTRICT NOTES

Ruston District moved forward last year under the leadership of Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, presiding elder, in many ways. The new Conference year is already showing signs of even greater forward movements than the past year under the same leadership. We are fortunate in having our same aggressive and enthusiastic presiding elder back on the district.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the following new preachers on the district: L. E. Crooks, L. P. Moreland, W. F. Henderson, W. R. Lyons, W. F. Roberts, N. E. Joyner, J. F. Wilson, R. T. Pickett.

A new charge, the Eros charge, has been created by the presiding elder. The pastor is Rev. W. R. Lyons. Brother Lyons is meeting with good response and this important field is being reached; the parsonage is being renovated; the pastor has been "pounded" and from all accounts this new work is going forward rapidly.

The Ruston church has raised the pastor's salary to $3600.00; Minden has raised to $3300.00; Homer to $3000.00. Other charges having raised the salary are Choudrant, Gibsland, Athens, Haughton, Sibley, Ringgold and Eros.

Ruston has raised approximately $7000 cash toward their new church. Definite plans are being made for the erection of a beautiful church joining that of the new educational building.

The Haughton charge plans a new church building at McIntyre.

The Christian Education Bond Issue apportionment for the district, which amounted to $850.00, was paid in full the past year. Every charge paid its quota in full. This is second to best, the Shreveport District having the largest apportionment.

The district was well represented at the General Missionary Council in New Orleans, January 5-8. The following preachers attended: Louis Hoffpauir, P. E.; A. M. Wynn, J. F. Dring, N. E. Joyner, J. C. Whittaker, H. M. Johnson, B. H. Andrews, Guy M. Hicks, B. C. Taylor, R. W. Vaughan, C. B. White, Mr. Hollands, Conference Lay Leader, was present.

The district Missionary Institute will be held in Haynesville, February 2.

We are to have Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs as our guest at District Conference. Bishop Dobbs will preach at the 11 o'clock service the opening day of the conference. The conference will be in session two days. The date has not been announced, but the place is Harmony Chapel.

C. B. WHITE, District Reporter.

J. O. Y. UNION MEETS

The J. O. Y. Union of the Ruston District met at Brushwood Sunday, January 17, for the regular monthly meeting. Due to rain and bad roads only 21 were present. There were representatives from three chapters: Namely, Brushwood, Heflin and Pleasant Valley. A very inspiring program on "Why Not Get Mad," was given by members of the Brushwood chapter. The next meeting wlil be held at Heflin February 21.

HAZEL CANFIELD,

LOUISIANA YOUNG PEOPLE

On the 5th and 6th of February in Alexandria the executive committee, the district directors and associates, and the camp directors will meet to discuss summer activities for the Louisiana Young People.

The Intermediate department at Pineville, whose membership is approximately 30, is favorably progressing, reports Miss Johnnie McFarland, Counsellor. Practically everything is left up to and done by the Intermediates and they really show themselves up well. They meet once a month to plan all their programs, both the devotionals for the church school hour and the programs for the evening meetings.

Over Winnsboro way they had a party on the night of January 15 with Miss Juanita Funderburk in the sponsor's role. The church school class of these young people is in the process of reorganization at the present so it looks as if Winnsboro is off on the right foot again.

Since he got such a splendid response from all the new presidents, Claudius Mayo, director of the Lake Charles District, was anxious for us to have as complete a list of them as possible so he sent in the list of 24 names complete with addresses. Merci beaucoup, Claudius, and here's hoping that several other persons follow suit.

In Crowville, Mrs. Mathes, Mrs. Powell, and Mrs. Richardson have been devoting much of their time to the young people's department in the church school. Here's a toast to them and their efforts.

From Sulphur, through Miss Esma John, president, come more optimistic reports. The secretary keeps accurate minutes of the council, business, and devotional meetings, the publicity superintendent has had at least one writeup in the local paper and plans to send in monthly reports of the newly organized department, and the treasurer reports excellent co-operation in the making and collecting of pledges. They have just made their missions and conference pledges.

W. D. BODDIE, Reporter.

SUPERANNUATE ENDOWMENT FUND

By appointment of Rev. Dr. L. E. Todd, I am field agent for the Superannuate Endowment Fund, and will gladly aid any brother in this noble work.

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STANLEY JONES ON THE AIR

Of interest to Methodists who heard that great world missionary, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, at the opening of the Bishops' Crusade in New Orleans, La., Jan. 5-8, will be the announcement that on Feb. 17, 9:30 p. m., Eastern Standard Time on the National Broadcasting Company's Blue net work, coast-to-coast, there will be a half hour broadcast from Dr. Jones. At this time Dr. Jones will give a missionary message to all the churches as well as a farewell as a member of the National Preaching Mission. He leaves for India the last of February.

ALABAMA DRYS WIN FIGHT TO KEEP PROHIBITION LAW

Dry leaders in Alabama are rejoicing today over the action of the state senate in voting down a proposed repeal bill 20 to 12.

The lower house in Alabama, under pressure of wet lobbyists, passed a measure to legalize the sale of intoxicants, but the legislature adjourned before the senate acted upon the bill.

In the interim, church leaders throughout the senate waged a vigorous campaign urging their senators to respect their campaign pledges.

Alabama, dry for 21 years, is the only state in the nation which prohibits the sale of all intoxicants, including beer. In Kansas and Oklahoma, both under constitutional prohibition, 3.2 beer is generally dispensed on the grounds that it is "non-intoxicating" beverage, according to the National Voice News Bureau.

VIRGINIA OUTLAWS ALL OUTDOOR LIQUOR SIGNS

All liquor billboards, placards and window displays will be prohibited in Virginia under new regulations being laid down by the Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

A bill also before the Pennsylvania state legislature this month would prohibit all outdoor advertising of liquors and beer in the state.

FOREIGN MISSIONS BROADCASTS

The Foreign Mission Conference of North America takes pleasure in announcing two forthcoming radio programs concerned with the World Mission of Christianity.

On Sunday, **January 31, at 4 p. m.** (E. S. T.) the National Broadcasting Company will present over station WJZ and the Blue Network Dr. William Pierson Merrill, who will speak on CHRISTIANITY IN OUR WORLD TODAY.

On Sunday morning, **February 21, at 10** (E. S. T.) the National Broadcasting Company will present over station WEAF and the Red Network Dr. Fred F. Goodsell, who will speak on INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIANITY.

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. L. M. Reeves has a splendidly organized force at Sumrall, and they entertained with ease and graciousness 104 visiting members of the League Union recently.

Mrs. R. L. Ezelle, of Jackson, writes us that the Advocate is greatly enjoyed in her home and that it is helpful also, especially because of its inclusion of temperance items.

Repairs to the church property at Richton have made a great change in the atmosphere of Methodism at that place. Rev. L. D. Haughton is the pastor, and all improvements are fully paid for.

Mrs. B. W. Lewis, whose late husband was long a member of the Missisippi Conference, now makes her home at Marion, Arkansas, but she retains her affection for Mississippi and for the Advocate.

A friend sends us the names of fifty-six preachers of the Mississippi Conference who were in attendance at Missionary Council in New Orleans recently. Every district of the Conference was represented.

Rev. B. H. Wiggins, now in his fourth year at Flora, is laying plans for a busy and a fruitful year on his charge. A new church building along with a full carriage of the regular schedule of work is on his list.

Dr. J. L. Decell, pastor of Galloway Memorial Church, Jackson, was the guest speaker at the men's banquet of Court Street Church, Hattiesburg, recently. Dr. J. F. Walker, teacher of the men's Bible class also addressed the group.

In renewing her Advocate subscription for another year, Mrs. L. J. Jones, widow of Rev. L. J. Jones formerly of the Mississippi Conference, who lives in Hattiesburg, sends much appreciated words of greetings to the editor and his associates.

The meeting of the Epworth League Union, held at Sumrall recently, made plans for a summer encampment. In this forward step, as in all the details of work in the Hattiesburg District, Rev. W. B. Alsworth, the presiding elder, is setting the pace.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Walton, of Poplar Springs charge, have been much disturbed on account of the illness of their little daughter, Gloria, who underwent an operation for appendicitis recently. We are happy to learn that she was doing well at last report.

Mr. L. P. White, Nashville, Tennessee, a son of the late Rev. M. L. White of the Mississippi Conference, and a school mate of the editor, called at the Advocate office on Thursday of last week. The editor regrets having been out of the city at the time he called.

The Missionary Institute for the Meridian District was very successful. The addresses were of a high order, they were stimulating and inspiring and, according to reports which have come to us, there is in that section a greater interest in missions than has existed for years.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Rev. Andrew Gallman, the new pastor, Taylorsvlile charge is planning advance along the whole line. Church school organization, a building project, Boy Scout activities, and a general revival of interest in all churches are included in the program.

Rev. D. T. Ridgeway, pastor at Wiggins, writes: "Special services marked the Christmas season at Wiggins. A Christmas pageant was attended by five hundred people, and the church's quota for superannuates was raised at a white Christmas service, as well as gifts for the poor." Brother Ridgway delivered the Christmas message on Sunday, the 20th.

Dr. Theodore Copeland, who was under the necessity of cancelling his engagements in Georgia last fall on account of overtaxing his strength in the drive of effort last year, is now reported to be well on the road to recovery and he expects to be in the evangelistic field again soon with a full schedule of work. His evangelistic ministry, extending over the last seventeen years, has been church-wide in its scope.

The meeting for the winter quarter of the Emory University Conference was held Monday, January 11, at the McEachern Memorial Church in the Marietta District. The general theme of the Conference was "The Place of the Church in the Rural Community." Particularly qualified to lead the discussions on this subject were the guest speakers—Dr. Arthur Raper of the Inter-racial Commission, who spoke on "Conditions of Rural Life," and Dr. A. J. Walton, Extension Secretary of the General Board of Christian Education, whose topic was, "The Work of the Church in Meeting Rural Conditions."

HATTIESBURG DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

Forasmuch as others are setting forth declaration of those things which have most surely happened at the District Missionary Institutes, and which shall surely be accomplished by the people called Methodists in the near future, it seemed good to me also to write unto thee, most excellent Advocate, that thou mightiest know the certainty of those things which happened at the Hattiesburg District Institute, at Main Street Church, on January 20.

In the first place, this Institute was different from the others in the Mississippi Conference. Yet it was not different. It incorporated the highest features of the other Institutes and added other features peculiar to itself.

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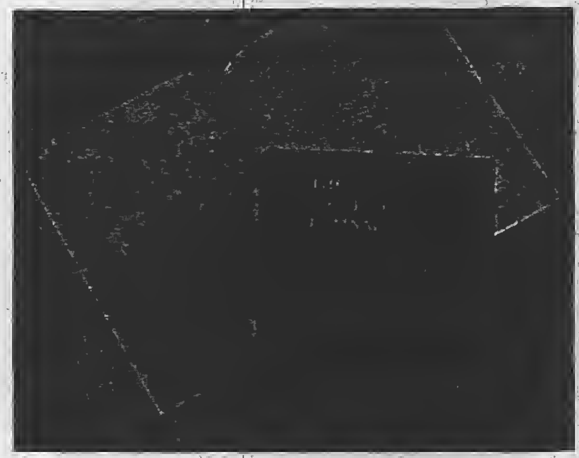

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First and last there were approximately two hundred and fifty people present, despite swollen streams, bad roads, and threatening clouds. The dozen people who were with me from Ellisville report that it was good to have been there.

Dr. W. A. Shelton, W. D. Hawkins, and Rev. J. L. Neill, who are making the round of Institutes, were there with their splendid messages and delighted us with their addresses and appeals.

From our own district, Brother Alsworth, our presiding elder, and Brother Black brought us devotional messages; Rev. Enoch King, B. M. Stevens, Rev. J. W. Sells, and Mrs. R. E. Rollings brought messages that stirred us; and Brother Campbell concluded the program in leading the consecration service. Comparisons are odious and none are to be made, but truly the Woman's Missionary Society in the Hattiesburg District is under capable and inspired leadership.

Dr. J. L. Decell brought a splendid message to conclude the morning service. His subject was "Points of Purpose and Places of Power," and he spoke of Thessalonica, Aldersgate Street, City Road Chapel, Epworth in England, of the Scottish National Memorial to David Livingstone, and of the warm heart being the highway of the Kingdom.

During the course of the day the presiding elder nominated and the Institute elected Rev. J. W. Sells as District Missionary Secretary and as District Secretary of Christian Education to assist the Conference Secretaries.

In concluding its business, the Institute, by rising vote, endorsed the Bishops' Crusade and pledged full co-operation to it, urged that each church begin now in the movement to have in cash one-half of the benevolent assumptions by the time of our District Conference, pledged full co-operation in observing the total program of the Church, and expressed appreciation to Rev. J. T. Leggett and the ladies of Main Street Church for their gracious hospitality.

Long live the spirit of this Institute.

GEO. H. JONES, Secretary.

SEASHORE DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

One of the finest missionary institutes held in recent years in the Seashore District was held at Gulfport, Miss., Jan. 21. The meeting was conducted in a most acceptable manner by the presiding elder, Rev. L. J. Power. After devotions conducted by Rev. L. J. Power the keynote of the meeting was set by Dr. G. F. Winfield, President of Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss. His description of the work of students, and especially foreign students and their subsequent lives, was most inspirational. Conference Missionary Secretary W. D. Hawkins outlined for us some of the work for the year. He stated that our Golden Cross collection should be taken May 9-16 and that in the month of January the offering for the support of our work at the State Sanitarium should be taken. Rev. J. L. Neill very ably and characteristically presented the matter of the Bishops' Crusade. His address was of much interest. Madam Dr. C. Gay, of the state W. C. T. U., made a few statements and an appeal. There is no doubt in the mind of anyone that we will all follow her suggestions to the best of our abilities relative to temperance education and temperance practice. The high point of the meeting was the address of Dr. W. A. Shelton, pastor of the Grace Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga. He spoke on the missionary implications of the gospel. At the noon hour the ladies of the Gulfport church served everyone with a delightful lunch. After devotions conducted by H. W. F. Vaughan, Rev. I. H. Sells spoke on "The Local Church School Meeting Today's Needs." Rev. I. H. Sells (Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Christian Education), emphasized the importance of education into the missionary spirit.

Mrs. L. J. Power, District Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, made a splendid report for the women of the District and a spirited appeal for greater co-operation and devotion to the work. Rev. B. L. Sutherland spoke on "Benevolences in Full, a Necessity in Meeting Today's Needs." He urged the ministers and laymen to keep faith with the full program of the Church in that regard. The meeting was closed with a consecration service led by the presiding elder.

Besides those mentioned above, visitors to the meeting were as follows: Rev. C. F. Reed, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, visiting at Seashore Assembly; and Mr. Fred McDonald, superintendent of Methodist Home, Jackson, Miss.

H. W. F. VAUGHAN.

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. N. N. Maxey, of Chalybeate, has been added to the Corinth District staff of Christian Education, as Director of Young People's Work.

According to Mrs. S. W. McCord, New Albany, Miss., the Advocate occupies an important place in her daily life. We are happy to renew her subscription for another twelve months.

Dedications of buildings in prospect include Baldwyn, Ashland, Dumas, and Snowdown. This means that these buildings are free of debt. What a happy day it is when a church can claim its soul for its own.

Brother F. E. Collins, of Coffeeville, writes that he has studiously read the Advocate for the past few months, and that he finds it an excellent church paper. He enjoys particularly the contributions of Dr. Carley, the Associate Editor.

We are obligated to Rev. W. D. Smith, recently appointed Advocate reporter for the Aberdeen District, for his splendid co-operation in gathering the news of that district, which is being published elsewhere in this issue.

Many increases are reported in Corinth District. Salary increases are reported at Iuka, Booneville, Ripley and Oxford. Increased acceptances for Benevolences include, New Albany, Oxford, Corinth, Myrtle, Rienzi, and New Albany circuit. The church at Ripley has for the second time in succession accepted a greater amount than was apportioned by the District Stewards.

A number of churches in the Corinth District are using the "unified budget plan" this year. The first church to adopt the plan was Gaine's Chapel on the Corinth circuit. W. R. McCormack, lay leader of Corinth District, led in putting the plan into operation in his own church, and then followed New Albany, Iuka, Baldwyn and Wheeler. The adoption of the plan was the result of two institutes held last year by Dr. G. L. Morelock and Rev. J. D. Wroten, the presiding elder.

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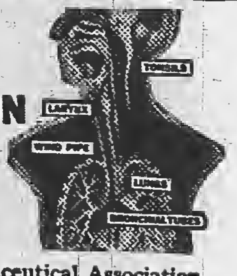

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TO THE PASTORS AND LAY WORKERS, GREENWOOD DISTRICT

The Bishops' Crusade for Mississippi will be officially launched in Jackson, Galloway Memorial Church, on Friday, February 5. This should mean the beginning of a new day in the missionary life of our beloved Mississippi Methodism. Wonderful program speakers, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Bishop A. Frank Smith, Bishop E. D. Mouzon and our own beloved Bishop, Hoyt M. Dobbs and others. Remember our slogan, "Every charge in the District represented by the pastor and one or more of his leading laymen and laywomen.

A. T. McILWAIN, P. E.

BIRTHDAYS

Today is the 19th of January, the birthday of the beau-ideal of the South, and we do well to think today of the life and character of Robert E. Lee. The 22nd of February is just around the corner. December the 25th, the great Birthday, is just past. Sometime during the year we will celebrate our own in some kind of way. Maybe we will merely give it a passing thought or perhaps it may cause serious reflection.

Last Friday, Mrs. Lewis and I spent the day in the parsonage home in Calhoun City, Mississippi. The head of the house there who happens to be the pastor of the Methodist Church in that goodly city had a birthday. It got out on him and the neighbors sent in a lot of things. Thank God for good neighbors. Everywhere we have ever lived we had some good neighbors. Poor indeed is the preacher who is scarce of friends. T. W. Lewis and his wife have a host of them.

They decorated the house, one good woman sent in the proverbial cake with candles. Someone suggested that perhaps the candles were somewhat scarce in that community, so she sent only six candles with the cake. I am not very good in percentage, neither do I take to symbols very much, so the reader can place his own significance on the six candles. My recollection is that they represent the age of his only grandson. Let it go at that. It was a fine day. The entire community seemed to enjoy it and wished the youthful pastor many happy returns.

I can't remember that this pastor, about whose birthday celebration I write, ever preached any golden jubilee sermons or anything of that sort. He is no old, worn-out preacher. Just go out with him to spend an afternoon going from house to house and if you don't sigh for a soft seat and get tired and hungry, you will most. I don't suppose there is a pastor in the Conference who does as much pastoral work as this man and does it as easily. May his bow abide in strength for many years

E. S. LEWIS.

Durant, Miss.

NEWS OF THE ABERDEEN DISTRICT, NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Rev. W. D. Smith, District Reporter

Under the leadership of the presiding elder, Dr. W. P. Buhrman, the Aberdeen District is going places this year, the first two months of the new Conference year find steady improvement in many ways and every indication is for an even better than last year.

At Fulton, Rev. W. W. Hartsfield has entered his second year as pastor in a splendid way and with the full co-operation and esteem of his people. Many improvements have been made in the parsonage and there has been an increase in the acceptance of benevolences.

On the Mathiston and Maben charge, the Rev. E. L. Jernigan is leading his people in many fine ways. The Mathiston congregation is not only carrying on the usual obligations, but has increased the pastor's salary substantially, and is nobly co-operating in the financing of the splendid new church building.

The Tremont charge, whose pastor is the Rev. B. D. Benson, made a splendid showing at the first quarterly conference with finances showing a third increase over the same time last year. Not only has the acceptance for benevolences been increased but a portion paid. The people expressed their love for the pastor in the beautiful suite of furniture recently placed in the parsonage.

And speaking of parsonages, Rev. Walter Storment has already begun his habit of leaving a parsonage in better condition than he found it. Some needed repairs have been made at Okolona in the last few weeks.

At Woodland the pastor, Rev. F. H. McGee, has made a fine beginning. The charge shows every indication of progress, with a substantial increase in the pastor's salary and benevolent acceptances.

At Calhoun City, the Aberdeen District boasts of a most active pastor, the beloved Dr. T. W. Lewis, whose consecration is inspiring. He has made two hundred calls in two months' time, and the church shows a response to his ministry by a growing church school and Woman's Missionary Society, the latter having recently organized a business woman's circle. A special Christmas offering for the old preachers and their wives amounted to $35.00.

A unique thing happened in the district when the Derma charge under Rev. G. R. Meaders, challenged the Greenwood Springs charge, whose pastor is Rev. Fred Sartain to a race in the raising of benevolences. To Derma goes the victory with the assessment paid in full ten months before Conference.

The Prairie and Strong charge ,under the leadership of Rev. Walter Smith, is going forward with an increase in the benevolent assumption, and with church repairs at Prairie. One of the outstanding country churches of the Conference is Hamilton Church on this charge. At the Christmas service there, numerous gifts were brought as a surprise for the pastor. On a recent rainy Sunday when many churches had no services over three-fourths of members of the church school there were present.

The Aberdeen District is proud of standing first in fourth Sunday Missionary offering for the past month.

THE DISTRICT REPORTER.

FROM LULA AND DUNDEE CHARGE

My dear Dr. Duren: Tidings from the North. We arrived in Lula, on Friday, November 13, and found the people of Lula and Dundee ready to co-operate with the pastor and family, in a progressive spirit. Plans for our arrival had been carefully made. We found the work well organized. Thanksgiving and Christmas, were times of great rejoicing, because of friends and well filled pantry. Sugar, lard, flour, meal, can goods, meat, coffee, and fruits. One dressed hog. On the 13th of December, one month from our arrival, Dr. Countiss, our efficient and much beloved presiding elder, held our first conference. One church paid a half year's salary, and the other paid one quarter, besides making a nice payment to the Superannuate preachers. Another month passed, and on the 13th of January, immediately following prayer meeting, we had a meeting of the church membership, and discussed plans for recovering our nine Sunday school rooms of the Lula church. Committees were appointed, and this morning more cash is in hand than will require for roof. We plan to replaster broken places in walls and ceiling of church. The Woman's Missionary Society here has more than $200.00 in cash to apply on Lula Church debt. Dundee church has made a payment of $175.00 on their church. The outlook for a great year is very good. Come to see us. I feel that Friday the 13th is no unlucky day. But the 13th of November, December and January, I feel, have been associating with GOOD LUCK.

Sincerely,
W. T. PHILLIPS, P. C.

P. S. I feel that our Church Paper, will aid us, therefore I plan to try to cooperate with you, as I have in other fields.

NOTES FROM THE SARDIS-GRENADA DISTRICT

By M. H. McCormack, Jr.

The district educational staff was entertained in the home of Rev. C. T. Floyd, P. E., on December 29. Among those present were Dr. Floyd, Mrs. Floyd, Rev. R. A. Grisham, Rev. W. L. Robinson, Rev. K. I. Tucker, Rev. G. R. Williams, and Mrs. Frank Turman. Brother Grisham is conference executive secretary, Brother Robinson, conference director of adult work, Brother Tucker, district director of young people's work, Brother Williams, district director of adult work, and Mrs. Turman, district director of children's work.

The staff effected plans for the new year, and announced four district educational institutes for the year, at Byhalia, Hernando, Batesville, and Oakland. The dates will be announced later.

The Sardis-Grenada District is distinguished in having within its bounds each and all of the conference educational directors, and also the conference executive secretary. Rev. W. C. Newman, conference director of young people's work resides in Grenada; Rev. W. L. Robinson, conference director of adult work, in Hernando; Mrs. C. A. Parks, conference director of children's work, in Grenada, and Rev. R. A. Grisham, conference executive secretary, in Grenada.

SALARY INCREASES, GREENWOOD DISTRICT

Increases at following places: Acona, Carrollton, Drew, Greenwood (Price Memorial), Kilmichael, Poplar Creek, Sunflower, Tchula, Tutwiler, Webb and Sumner. Possibly others to be reported later.

The Itta Bena church has organized to pay all claims monthly and reported everything paid up in full, on monthly basis at first quarterly conference.

Brother Lawhon, Carrollton charge, is getting his benevolences subscribed and a large part paid. He expects to have it all in cash subscription by February 1.

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Christian Education

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, JANUARY 31

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

THE FINANCIAL COST OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages are open to attack from the standpoint of morality, science, and economics. The economic argument is stressed in the present lesson. Is the modern conscience more economic than moral? It is certain that we often measure the cost of war, the devastation of disease, the tragedy of vice in terms of money. We may very properly make a similar evaluation of the ravages of alcohol. We can appeal only to such consciences as we find. No doubt there are huge profits in the manufacture, advertising, and sale of alcohol, else Prohibition would have never been repealed! But every drop of it is an economic liability. It is a social parasite that has never paid its way. Yet "statesmen" plead for its legal sale to aid in defraying the expense of government. Were its manufacture prohibited and a like tax placed on bread, the government would receive more money and the people would have more bread. It is poor economics to make distillers and distributors rich while citizens are pauperized and debauched in order that the government may receive a pittance in revenues.

Who can calculate the full cost of drink? The drinker spends a few dimes for intoxicants, feeling that the cost is trifling. He forgets they include the cost of accidents, crimes, courts, hospitals, physicians, alms-houses, orphanages, police, prisons, lost jobs, disease, inefficiency, the deprivations that come to under-nourished, under-privileged children who, but for a father's vicious habit, might have been educated and made useful citizens. The frail little widow down the street once enjoyed affluence and prominence. She now works at a menial task to defray a part of the cost of drink consumed by her husband, dead years ago. Day by day in toil and heartache she pays installments on a bond that will be cancelled only by the hand of death itself.

Pleasures and luxuries are always expensive. Wine and oil are here used as symbols of such waste and extravagance. Wholesome entertainment has a distinct value as a physical, intellectual, even moral tonic, but American people are most intemperate in their pursuit of amusements. The salary of a popular actress is said to be more than six times that of the President of the United States. Labor gnashes its teeth over the salaries of industrial executives, then splits its wage and scrimps its bread to help make millionaires of silly entertainers and greedy dispensers of drink.

The liquor traffic pays less in wages and less for raw materials in proportion to investment than any known business. To its patrons it gives far less and far worse than nothing. It were better that it took their money at the point of a gun. It gives them muddy minds, and unsteady nerves, cheapened wit and impaired judgment, rude manners and coarsened speech, foolish daring and loosened morals. It robs them of wages and efficiency, of self-respect and social esteem. Its finished product is always wreckage, despised and shunned; yet it glamorously advertises its appeal for the vigor and freshness, the beauty and promise of youth to supply new grist for its mills.

Economics, science, morality, religion are all against the use of alcoholic beverages. Their use is utterly forbidden to ministers and teachers, to aviators and railway employees, to all who need especial speed or skill. The most ardent advocate of their sale will discharge an addict, whether he be laborer, bar-keeper, physician, lawyer, manager, or treasurer. He is a strange manufacturer who will not use his own product. No decent business damages its customers. Indulgence in no worthy habit demands attention from police or penalty from the courts. Stop! Look! Listen! Has anyone ever made the use of alcoholic drinks pay?

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When you think of a series of setbacks like this, doesn't it make you feel small to become discouraged, just because you think you are having a hard time in life?

—Praetorian Guard.

HE KNOWS HIS WHITE MAN

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Asia, Africa, and Europe, now in America leading the Bishops' Crusade of his Church, is exhibiting a letter from a "fellow chief" in the Belgian Congo. It reads in translation as follows:

"Monsieur Pisikopo, peace be unto you. I am Chief Tunda, I wish to remind you of the typewriter you promised me. My friend, you will send me my typewriter quickly. You will please fasten it up in a box, and I, myself, will open it up. No white man may open the box for he might take it and say it was not there. Therefore, you will fasten up the typewriter, and I, myself, will open the box.

Many thanks.

CHIEF TUNDA."

TOO MUCH WATCHING

Some years ago a little boy in a Louisiana town was attending Sunday school, and one Sunday not long before Christmas, the teacher undertook to tell the children that God knows all about us, He sees everything that we do and he hears everything that we say. This little boy gave no evidence of being impressed until one day not long afterward when he did something naughty and his mother rebuked him. She reminded him that Santa Claus knew all that he did and heard all that he said. To this startling bit of information, the little hopeful replied:

"Mother, do you mean that Santa Claus sees everything I do?"

"Yes."

"And he hears everything I say?"

"Yes."

"Well, Gee whiz! God and Santa Claus both a-watchin' me, Good night!"

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tal from which he sought to lift his hearers a little nearer heaven. His personality, his oratory, his imagination and his faith combined to make his pulpit a place of power. Another striking fact is that the thought and even the imagery of his sermons were wrought out in the parsonages of his early ministry. It was his custom to give the exegesis of his text in his introduction, he wrote out in full and with great care about three divisions of his discourse, other divisions he simply outlined, and the conclusions, with which he often swept his audiences into ecstasies, he left entirely to the emotions and the impulses of the occasion. Perhaps no better appraisal of his preaching can be given than in two passages which fell from his own lips. He said of the preaching of Dr. J. J. Wheat of the North Mississippi Conference: "He put honor upon his ministry by never bringing unbeaten oil into the sanctuary." Of that great Georgian, Sam. P. Jones, he said: "God anointed him to be a prophet in Israel, and clothed him with a power seen but a few times in a generation. . . He might have succeeded at the bar, but his throne was the pulpit and his mission the redemption of his fellowmen." Such was the preaching of the man who brought these tributes and laid them upon the bier of his devoted friends.

Bishop Galloway's social interests, unlike many who achieve ecclesiastical eminence, was not a projection of his exalted office. His effective crusade for temperance antedated by ten years the day of his fame. Among his papers, he left a manuscript sermon on Temperance, preached in 1876, at Jackson, Mississippi. The sermon concluded with a recitation of the details of the massacre of General

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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OFFICERS' TRAINING DAY

A pleasant and profitable occasion was the meeting of the officers of the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Societies of the Alexandria District ,held in Alexandria, December 10.

Considering the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was good. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by Mrs. H. V. Dunford who presided during the day. After singing "Come Thou Almighty King, the pastor-host, Dr. M. S. Monk read from the second chapter of II Timothy. Following a prayer and a few remarks by the district secretary, the various auxiliary officers met in separate groups with their corresponding conference officer for training and help in performing their various duties in their auxiliaries. The Conference officers present to direct these group meetings were —Mrs. G. Sexton, Jr., Conference president, Mrs. W. H. Martin, vice president, Mrs. W. M .Ledbetter, corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. M. Eicher, secretary of childrens work, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, superintendent of literature and publicity, Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, superintendent of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. R. E. Smith, chairman of Spiritual Life and Message, Mrs. H. J. Powers, superintendent of young women's circles. Others who substituted in conducting groups for Conference officers were Mrs. L. A. Sims and Mrs. R. L. Roland.

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A happy feature of the day was the presentation of a life membershp to Mrs. T. A. Holloman by zone No. 2. Mrs. Holloman has been a member of the Woman's Missionary Society since 1886.

Following the morning session which was closed with prayer by Mrs. R. E. Smith, a delicious lunch was served in a room in the educational building that was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors by Alexandria's First Church auxiliary and the Gleaners.

Immediately following lunch we reassembled and opened the afternoon session by singing "The Kingdom Coming." Mrs. R. E. Smith gave us a beautiful Christmas message and left us along with many other thoughts, not only is it necessary to praise and worship our Lord, but we must follow this up with work.

The district secretary then directed a "March of Time" program as related to the outline of the year's work given us in our calendar in the Missionary Society—using posters to emphasize the need of carrying on the full program. Messrs. Sexton, Ledbetter, Martin, Dameron, Metcalf, Sims, Powers and Roland made short talks explaining different phases of the work.

Mr. Alston Townley sang very beautifully "The Ninety and Nine."

Messrs. Owen and Cappell of Alexandria gave an interesting discussion on the help of a quarterly executive meeting.

The meeting was closed with a responsive reading and prayer by Mrs. M. S. Monk.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Stanley Wilson,
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LIFE MEMBERSHIPS FOR 1936

Brookhaven District

Brookhaven—Mrs. C. W. Crisler, Mrs. W. H. Frizell, Mrs. Florence Granberry, Mrs. Nannie Germany, Mrs. Garnett Hoffman.

Bude—Mrs. Mary C. McGehee.

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Jackson District

Benton—Child—Roy Lesley Lane, Jr.

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Pelahatchie—Mrs. W. H. Boskersville.

Vaughan—Mrs. F. C. Hayden; Child—Fritz Frizell.

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Jackson District—Mrs. Norman Taylor.

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Lauderdale and Electric Mills—Mrs. Rolfe Hunt.

Meridian—Central—Mrs. J. R. Whittaker; Child—Nellie Smylie Shields.

Quitman—Mrs. A. S. Mason; Child—Mary Elizabeth Cockrell.

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Meridian District—Mrs. D. L. St. John.

Seashore District

Biloxi—Main Street—Mrs. M. B. Sharbrough.

Columbia—Mrs. W. E. Lampton, Mrs. R. J. Baylis.

Gulfport—First Church—Mrs. S. A. Tomlinson.

Moss Point—Children — Polly Fay Franklin, Nettie May Cirlot, Vivian McDavid.

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Custer and his command by the Indians. In a clinching application of the incident, he said: "But, alas! on the sad day of Custer's fall, there was a more brutal slaughter. More of our countrymen perished than fell in Custer's brave command. More broken hearted wives were made widows and children made orphans. And no words of sympathy were heard for the bereaved hearts, and no generous efforts to give them bread. I mean those who perished that day by the direful sweep of intemperance, more dreadful and more destructive than the rifles and tomahawks of the famous Indian Chief and his savage band. Over their sleeping dust, no mausoleum will receive the first kiss of the morning sun, nor the last rays of evening linger on its brow as a coronal of glory. They moulder in paupers' graves, never visited by human feet nor tended with loving hand nor dewed with tears of grief."

I cannot leave the story of Bishop Galloway until I have spoken of one other characteristic of his work. It is common to think of the brilliant and powerful flashes of eloquence with which he held multitudes charmed and entranced, as the improvisings of his oratorical genius and as inspired by great occasions. It is true that they expressed the profound emotions of the hour of their use, but they were not mere tricks of fame. They were jewels which he had polished with infinite care, and upon occasion he simply lifted them from his well-filled wallet. He fashioned them in hours of silent communion with God. In 1896, he was alone on the slopes of Olivet, as there drifted to him across the Kedron the peals of a church bell in the old City; in the same moment he heard the wierd chant of the muezzin on the Mosque of Omar calling the Moslem to prayer; and then there came from the Mount of Olives the martial notes of a bugle from the Turkish barracks. In his mind and heart those discordant notes were translated into an anthem of human brotherhood, and there on the slopes of the Mount of Olives he wrought his impressions into a thing of beauty and power.

In 1897, he was on his first journey to Brazil, and as he crossed the equator he says: "I thought of that dear young soul, whose beautiful memory I shall ever cherish, who started with high hopes for this far off land, but was lost in the Johnstown flood—Miss Cara Chrisman. She sleeps beneath the pines of her native State—those requiem singers of nature—and over her fair form they will sweetly sigh until the Angel of the Resurrection shall turn the requiems of the earth into the paeans of the skies."

In 1901, he was on the bosom of the ocean again, and he describes the sunset on a Sabbath day: "It was a fitting and inspiring benediction on the Lord's own day. The thin white clouds that lingered in the west, just as the sun dipped into the sea of sapphire, became bars of shining gold, and looked for all the world like choir galleries built by invisible hands for the angels of God to chant celestial vespers at the close of an earthly day. The sea, from the deck of our ship to the spot where the great sun went down, was a pathway of glowing fire, worthy the triumphal highway of the King of kings."

This review might be continued at great length, but such was the man who, without prestige of political office, with no badges of military distinction and with no claim to literary fame, achieved and holds to this hour a worthy fame in his own right. He was a first citizen of Mississippi and his moral and spiritual leadership was recognized throughout the South. Such was the late and lamented Charles B. Galloway who first saw the light of life here.

The speaker of this hour lays claim to no gift or knowledge which qualifies him to be your representative upon this occasion. But better praise than could be spread upon the pages of any volume that might be written, better than any spoken estimate of his character are his own deeds and the affection of that legion of friends who followed the trail of his glorious life.

For two thousand years, a little city nestling upon the Judean hills has been made surpassingly beautiful, supremely lovely, and divinely romantic by a babe whose manger-cradle gave no intimation of the marvels of his power, or the blessedness of the light he was destined to shed. The throb of his heart has been felt around the world; His spirit of self-sacrifice has been manifested in redeeming power among the nations and races of the earth; and the tragedies and the desolating sorrows of human circumstance have been gloriously transformed by the light of His presence. In every age a vast army of men and women have caught upon their faces the light of His life, they have garnered in ther hearts His redemptive passion and His sacrificial love, and they have translated for their day the soul of Him who came by way of Bethlehem.

For a whole generation, there marched in the van of that noble procession a princely chieftain and there was heard a clarion voice. It was that of Charles Betts Galloway. For a full half century, the light of his fame has bent with the grace of the rainbow's curve upon this consecrated spot. The years wear on and when the name which he made famous shall no longer recall his face nor revive a memory of the oratory with which he swayed human hearts, this little city of his birth will still bear the imprint of his glorious life. We carve upon this block of granite the figures which indicate his place in the flight of the years, and we commit to its keeping the gracious words of his devoted friends—the symbols of our treasure and echoes of the cry of our bereft and aching hearts. But when this piece of granite shall fail us, as fail it must, the life of him to whom we pay tribute here will still be ascending in majestic sweep toward the zenith of its power and blessedness.

A beautiful tribute was paid to the late Dr. John Telford by a friend who said: "He lifted a lamp in forgetting days to the face of John Wesley and helped the world to fall in love again with the man he understood so well and revered so much." Appropriating that happy phrase, let me say that if by anything that I have ever done or any word that I have uttered here, if by that I may have lifted a candle to light again the face of Charles Betts Galloway, Orator, Preacher, and Prince of Christian Chivalry, it shall be but a sacrament of joy and the oblation of a devoted heart.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

(Continued From Page 14.)

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Vicksburg District

Fayette—Mrs. Susie Stevens Puffer, Mrs. W. R. Easterling.
Natchez—Mrs. Sam Porter.
Nebo—Mrs. W. H. Gibson.
Port Gibson—Mrs. Katie Drake.
Vicksburg District—Mrs. T. H. Fore.
59 Adult Life Memberships.
9 Child Life Memberships.
168 Life Memberships for 1936.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

Mrs. E. M. Sharp of Grenada sends the following message:

Start 1937 right by having a well-planned Bible Study during January and February. Use any of the books mentioned in your list for 1936-1937. I heartily recommend "Songs in the Night," by Mary DeBardeleben, price 25 cents, or "The Radiant Heart," by C. J. Harrell, price 25 cents.

Order your Foreign Mission Study Book now and start your plans for a class that will meet Council requirements. The book is "Out of Africa," by Emory Ross, price 60 cents.

Iuka makes her debut in this column this week. Mrs. B. L. Martin, the superintendent of publicity, has sent in a list of officers that includes a superintendent of young women, superintendent of babies, and an agent for The Outlook. These three officers must mean that Iuka is reaching out for the Efficiency Aim. We hope to hear from them from time to time. Notice the complete list.

"At the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society the following officers were selected for the year 1937: president, Mrs. R. W. Carter; vice president, Mrs. R. L. McKnight; secretary, Mrs. B. F. McRae; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Allen; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Sam Kimberly, Jr.; superintendent of publicity, Mrs. B. L. Martin, Sr.; superintendent of mission and Bible study, Mrs. C. W. McKnight; superintendent of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Joe Thompson; superintendent of young people, Mrs. J. C. Jourdan; superintendent of Cradle Roll, Mrs. Jack Roane; superintendent of local work, Mrs. H. O. Little; superintendent of supplies, Mrs. J. D. McDonald; superintendent of World Outlook, Mrs. Virgie Dugger. These officers were installed in a very impressive service in the auditorium of the church, Sunday morning, January 3rd.

"The society has two circles and forty-eight members. They meet together in the assembly room of the Educational Building of the Church the first, second, and fourth Mondays of each month. The third Monday each circle is entertained in the home of some member for the program and an added social feature."

On Monday afternoon the Merigold Methodist W. M. S. met in the home of Mrs. J. S. Fincher with Mrs. H. E. Speakes as co-hostess.

The meeting opened with quiet music by Mrs. E. G. Mohler, followed by the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be," by the assembly. "The Missionary Character of the New Testament," the worship theme, was ably depicted by Mrs. E. D. Rayner. Mrs. E. G. Mohler gave interesting details of "Our Dollars at Work."

We were greeted by our new president, Mrs. Harry Speakes, with a most interesting and inspirational message. At the close of her message she gave us definitions for a "Good Member and a Good Officer," closing with an appropriate poem entitled, "What Will You Do With the New Year?"

Mrs. Speakes then announced that she would like to recognize the officers for this year. The following came forward: Mrs. E. C. Coats, vice president; secretary, Mrs. V. L. Harrington; treasurer, Mrs. J. S. Fincher; superintendent of mission and Bible, Mrs. F. E. Jones; superintendent of supplies, Mrs. J. P. McLaurin; superintendent of World Outlook and publicity and literature, Mrs. E. D. Rayner; superintendent of spiritual life group, Mrs. R. C. Johnson; superintendent of C. S. R., Mrs. A. J. Smith; secretary of children's division, Mrs. J. S. Fincher; secretary of baby division, Mrs. W. H. Bernard; chairman of local work, Mrs. Curtis Seawright.

Mrs. R. H. Hall was welcomed as a new member; as guests, Mrs. Albert Booth, Miss Janet Baker and Mrs. Jim Sample.

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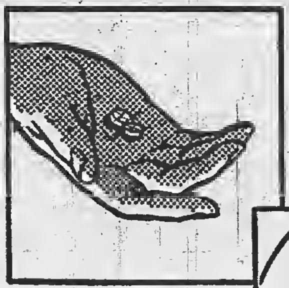

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A Crusader for Christ in Japan

At the grave of Dr. J. W. Lambuth, Kobe, Japan: Dr. A. W. Wasson, Foreign Secretary, General Work, Board of Missions; Rev. T. Sunamoto, first preacher in Japan; Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Bishop Kugimiya, of the Japan Church; Rev. Y. Yoshioka, former President of Kwansei Gakuin; Dr. S. H. Wainright and Mr. Genta Suzuki, first Methodist convert in Japan.

"A well-kept and honored grave—a sacred spot. No truer missionary ever went to any field or more thoroughly consecrated himself to his divinely appointed work. His last words were an appeal for the heathen: 'I die at my post—send more men.'"

—Private note-book, Bishop Galloway.

Wallet of the Week

THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, it is reported, claims the world record in **per capita** Sunday-school enrollment. According to the report, it has more than ten thousand schools, with over two million pupils—one-ninth of the entire Sunday-school enrollment of North America and one-sixteenth of that of the entire world. It is difficult to believe that this amazing statement can be true; but, whether it be absolutely accurate or not, it certainly indicates a worthy activity in the field of religious instruction.

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A JEW AND AN ARAB, David Kovarski and Nadjib Youssouf, are reported to have issued a joint appeal for conciliation in the struggle which has been going on in Palestine. The appeal recites: "The specter of fratricidal war has already thrown its shadow over our country—Certain obscure forces have dug a deep ditch of national hatred between the Jewish and Arab peoples." The signers of this appeal represent an organization known as "Antifa," which is leading in the struggle for amity between the contending factions in the land.

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THE ZOE MOVEMENT in Greece is said to be one of the most outstanding Christian movements in that historic country. Sunday schools have been formed in which thousands of boys and girls receive definite and regular Christian instruction. The movement is said to encourage wide reading of the Scriptures, and the study of the Scriptures has resulted in awakening priests to the influence and power of the Bible. Many of the priests had been fettered for years by a dead formalism and naturally gave no effective leadership in the development of an aggressive Christian life.

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MODERN ARCHAEOLOGY, delving into the site of ancient Troy, is said to have unearthed secrets more than three thousand years old. Among other things, it is claimed that they have established the fact that the fall of Troy and the immortal story of Homer were founded upon fact. Ancient Troy is said to have been one of a succession of nine cities on the same site, and the Homeric Illiad was probably a study of the seventh in the series. The discovery of huge storage jars, six feet tall and containing traces of wheat and other cereals, beneath the floors of most of the houses, lends color to Homer's song of a ten-year siege of Troy by the Greeks over the abduction of Helen.

COLONEL ETHAN ALLEN, an officer of the Revolution, was honored by the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of his birth, on January 10. His rugged devotion to unselfish ideals made a permanent place for him in American history. He was the "Chieftain of the Green Mountain Boys" of Vermont; the victor at the battle of Ticonderoga in the first offensive action of the Revolution; he endured the rigors of British captivity for two years; his personal virtues triumphed over every instance of opposition or failure; and his true monument exists in the minds and memories of his fellowmen.

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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, by a recent decision, reversed for a two-year trial period its rule of seventy years standing requiring military training for graduation. This action exempting conscientious objectors, even for a trial period from compulsory military training, is held to be one of the most significant victories yet achieved in the struggle for freedom of conscience. The move had its genesis in the case of a student, Kenneth Arnold, who was refused a degree last June because he had declined to violate his conscience by taking the required military training. He had completed every other requirement except that.

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DR. FRANCIS GREENWOOD PEABODY, an eminent Harvard professor, died at Cambridge, Mass., on December 31. He was eighty-nine years of age and he had devoted his long life to a distinguished leadership in the field of Christian thinking. He was a brother-in-law of the late President Eliot of Harvard, a close friend of Jane Addams and William James, and he had "the privilege of the untiring co-operation and sustaining friendship" of Phillips Brooks. It is said that none of his Harvard classmates lived to mourn their comrade's passing.

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THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, one of the great industrial centers of England, has 38,773 "back-to-back" houses. That is the type of house which prevails in the slum district. The Copec House Improvement Society has removed three hundred families from these slum residences and has rehoused them in more sanitary and comfortable buildings. But if rehousing should be continued at the present rate without interruption, twenty years will be required for the elimination of the entire slum district. The failures of generations cannot be eliminated by edict, nor can they be suddenly overcome.

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EDITORIAL

METHODIST UNIFICATION

By recent action of the College of Bishops, the vote on the proposed plan for Methodist union will be taken at the session of the Annual Conferences now approaching. The editor of this paper did not know that the decision had been released for publication until it appeared in the General Organ and we overlooked that until the time of the meeting of the Missionary Council. That accounts for our not making a statement earlier. We believed that it would not be wise to take the vote in the Annual Conferences prior to the meeting of the General Conference, and, regardless of the action taken, our view is unchanged. A motion to request the vote in advance of that time was defeated by the Louisiana Conference. In our issue of December 19, 1935, we carried the full text of the proposed plan and we carried also an editorial stating our position as to the time for the discussion of the plan. In the discussion on the floor of the Conference, we stated that if the vote were to be taken we would be under obligation to open the paper for discussion of the plan. Up to the present time we have carried every article which has been submitted to us, although the columns were not opened for a general discussion. We are now, however, opening the Advocate for the discussion. Articles must take our limited space into consideration, we cannot allow any one person or side to monopolize our columns, and we insist that all papers submitted for publication shall observe the spirit and rule of Christian courtesy. That is as much as we feel should be said on that point.

That we have consistently supported **unification** from the beginning is no secret, but we say frankly that we have no interest in mere consolidation. At no time have we sought to thrust our view upon others and we shall not do so now. In the course of events, the other bodies involved had to pass upon the question before it could reach our people, and we felt that it was courteous and proper to allow them to reach their own decision. Accordingly we did not inject our opinion into their discussion of the subject, even though we were not able to agree with certain manifest and declared attitudes toward the plan. We regard the proposal as a "bond" which represents the deliberate and final agreement of those commissioned to frame a **constitutional** Plan of Union —not a nebulous ideal of amalgamation with options and possible variations. We cannot feel, therefore, that the Annual Conference which ratifies and then by resolution virtually attacks the plan is altogether fair. To begin with, no power to change a jurisdiction is granted to the **Uniting Conference,** and the steps by which it may be done later are clearly marked. We think that the document should be ratified or rejected as embodying constitutional finality. To do anything else will mean the revival of the unhappy issues of a hundred years ago, the reopening of the flood-gates of ecclesiastical controversy, and to take the initial steps for writing a more direful chapter in the history of Methodist disunion. Certainly it will not ultimate in **unification.** In this matter, no individual and no church body can afford to harbor concealments or to have secret reservations —to support the plan with a purpose in his heart to join in an effort to defeat its terms. This is no unprovoked utterance. We have just referred to various Annual Conference resolutions, and we have before us a recent editorial of **The Christian Advocate,** Northwestern edition, which we expect to publish in full at the earliest moment possible. The editor makes a plea against "segregation" on the ground that it is "a problem in Christian equity" not to be settled by a preponderance of votes. For our part, we will vote for the plan without reservations, or we cannot vote for it at all. We think that the position of the South was perfectly understood by the Joint Commission which formulated the Plan of Union. It was in no sense a personal demand upon the part of any one, North or South. We believe that the report of the Joint Commission represents the most that the Southern Church could hope to pass, and that it represents no actual departure from the practice of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Annual Conference organization and administration. We think that this will indicate our mind and we are inclined to let it be the end of editorial discussion on our part.

THE WATCHMAN UPON THE WALLS

The perils and the responsibilities of the editorial task are many and real. To begin with, the very fact that the editor's opinion is recorded gives it fixedness, reserves no right of revision, and permits small range of interpretation. Little is left except to defend what may have been written. For the editor himself, the privilege of revision is probably less important than the indication of his personal attitudes. No opinion is recorded which does not reflect his attitudes, temperamental or otherwise. Of course it reflects his intellectual outlook, but his thinking reflects as well his age, his editorial bearing reflects his culture, his antagonisms his prejudices, and not infrequently the purpose to shun responsibility is reflected in an array of baseless criticisms and frivolous excuses. From week to week, he draws his portrait with his own pen and he indicts the record by which he will be tried—not necessarily for his life, but for the constructiveness of his opinions for shaping the thought and action of those who constitute his forum. The editor's sense of obligation to society inclines him to speak out boldly and fearlessly, but the sense of unshared responsibility and the consciousness of repressive influences tend to soften his declarations. It would be difficult to find a position which offers greater incentive for a courageous and outspoken advocacy of public interests and social righteousness. On the other hand, he can scarcely escape being retarded in his purpose by influences which insist upon being heard. Such voices may be either radically progressive or radically reactionary, but the effect is the same. No true man can afford to take counsel of his personal interests or of his fears of power. His editorial page is his conning tower, he is a watchman upon the walls of Zion, and as such he is responsible for a constructive and courageous leadership which at its best includes both friend and foe.

TO CONTRIBUTORS

We regret our inability to print all matter promptly. If our friends will bear with us, we will publish material just as soon as it is physically possible. Just keep on sending us the news; we will catch up in a little while.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

THE MIXTERIES OF LIFE

"Life is just one thing after another," wails the pessimist. "Variety is the spice of life," answers the optimist. The pessimist, living on "the dead level of mediocrity," is satisfied with monotony; the optimist wants to see things happening. The pessimist fears the worst; the optimist hopes for the best. "Is there any milk in that pitcher?" asks the pessimist; "Pass the cream," says the optimist.

Anyway, pessimist or optimist, this day has had variety. Up betimes and made the fire. The proper making of a wood fire on a cold morning is a process that begins the night before. Sit up late enough for the wood to burn down to a bed of embers. Cover these embers with ashes—plenty of ashes. Then sweep the hearth. In the morning, rake back the ashes and you have a bed of hot coals. Pile on the kindling—plenty of it; put on some dry wood, and then the green. Sweep up the hearth. By that time the kindling will be smoking. Stick a match to it—and there's your fire! (Never take up the ashes in the afternoon—you won't have enough to cover the coals when you go to bed).

Then the coffee (according to previous directions —and don't forget the salt).

Breakfast—home-raised eggs, bacon, grits, coffee, toast.

Radio and daily paper news of the flood, and discussion as to whether or not Satartia will go under as it did in 1927, when the water was nine feet deep in the room where I now sit. Outcome uncertain, though high water probable. If it comes, all household goods to be moved upstairs, all livestock moved to the hills, rubber boots to be bought, boat to be built; possibility of foundations undermined and house washed away. Will the water go off in time to make a crop? No use to worry—won't do any good.

Get the car out to take two Negroes down to the farm. All day cleaning out ditches, cutting brush, getting ready for spring, flood or no flood. Frugal lunch at noon of egg sandwich and jam sandwich. Two-mile walk across farm where car can't go to see if weed land is dry enough to plow. Too wet! (Interlude: took gun along for rabbit hunt. Rabbits are a pest in this section. Got one).

Discussion with tenants of when, how, and where to move in case of overflow. Backwater already in edge of fields in places.

Back home at five o'clock. Harrison feeding calves, hogs, chickens, and getting in wood and kindling. Small cup of coffee.

More flood news—some people in town getting ready to move at a moment's notice.

Guest for supper. On the table: fresh sausage, macaroni with cheese, hot biscuit, gravy, butter, molasses. Ate too much, especially of biscuit and molasses.

So—the day ends. "Variety is the spice of life."

News and Views

BOOKS

Christianity and the Individual in a World of Crowds, by Halford E. Luccock. Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn. Price $1.50.

This book is the Jarrell Lectures, delivered at Emory University in January, 1936. In five lectures or chapters, the author presents in graceful and searching manner some of the great facts of religion as a personal experience and a social force. He discusses: The integrity of the individual in vital and saving relation to the crowd; God's direct and necessary relation to the individual; The struggle between life as it is and life as it ought to be—a tension which must be resolved in God; Salvation, the reign of God in the life of the individual; and a ministry which meets in a real and a practical way the problem of the individual—a personally embodied message. The author makes no pretense to a technical theology, indeed he explicitly disclaims such, but the book is, nevertheless, a sound exposition of theological values as they are expressed in living. From the medley of a life without the unifying experience of salvation to the embodiment of the gospel in personal life and social relations, it is forthright and courageous in its attitudes; and, aside from its direct message, the book is a veritable mine of brilliant and well-chosen illustrations which could not fail to inspire independently of its argument and appeal. Any young preacher who would have a fresh and uplifting interpretation of his task will make no mistake in buying this little book.

Bishop Butler and the Age of Reason, by Ernest C. Mossner. The Macmillan Company, New York. Price $2.50.

The author presents in these pages a study of Bishop Butler as an index to the intellectual developments of his age, and the **Analogy** as a cross-section of the thinking of England in the eighteenth century. The immediate occasion for the study was probably the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the publication of the **Analogy**; but in a larger sense it was the striking similarity in the trends of thought then and the trends of thought now. Butler's work was a reaction against the complete satisfaction of his time with the status quo of thinking. The author discusses in an illuminating manner Butler's attitude to the Deism of Locke, the skepticism of Hume, the enthusiasm of Wesley, the Oxford Movement, and the age of the evolutionary theory. In that connection, he discusses also Butler as Christian Advocate and the critical deficiencies of the **Analogy.** Butler does not seem to have attempted finality in theological or philosophial opinion, so much as to nonsuit those whom he opposed. It is impossible to review the book in detail. Suffice it to say, the author has given a readable, understandable and discriminating study of a great man and a great age.

History of Methodism in Kentucky, Volume II, by W. E. Arnold, D. D., Winchester, Ky. The Herald Press, Louisville, Ky. Price $1.15.

Some months ago, volume I of this History was reviewed in these columns, and now we have before us the second of the series. This also bears evidence of the painstaking and the accuracy of detail for which Dr. Arnold is remarkable. His new volume gives the history of Methodism in Kentucky from 1820 to the establishment of the Church, South, in 1846. It is a record in detail of the personalia of that period of the Church in Kentucky and, as such, it will be of interest to a wide circle of readers, even outside of that State. It is a rich and illuminating study of those stirring days in the history of Methodist progress, and it can be had for the amazingly low price of $1.15, by writing the author, Dr. W. E. Arnold, at his temporary address, 2131 N. Commerce St., Fort Worth, Texas.

Character and Christian Education, by S. G. Cole, President of Kalamazoo College. Cokesbury Press. Price $2.00.

One seldom agrees with all that he reads, if his own mind is alert. This is a book that one should read but not necessarily own. It is somewhat academic and obscure in spots, but in the essential statements, it is clear and forceful.

Ministers desiring fresh homiletic material will find "The Story of the Prodigal Parents," on page 123, well worth while.

Religious educators who have gone the way of Hartshorne et al in preferring the experience centered curriculum need to read chapter 12. For instance, "Christian education is drugged today from illicit secularization." (p. 233).

Intelligent parents will find the sections on child psychology illuminating and rather fresh and practical.

Those engaged in character education in schools, scouts, camps, playgrounds, etc., will find an ardent plea that the Church recognize and support such work, and that such character building organizations seek Christian foundations.

It is copiously documented from a wide variety of writers; it provokes thought on the issues discussed; and at times, it is interesting.

H. A. R.

IMPORTANT NOTICE—WANTED

NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE: Any before 1869; 1871; 1881; 1883; 1884; 1893; 1894; 1895; 1903 to Oct. 19, 1916; Nov. 9, Dec. 28, 1916; May 31, July 26, 1917; June 6, 13, 20, Aug. 29, Oct. 24; 1918; May 15, Oct. 9, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 1919; Mar 11, Aug. 12, 19, Nov. 25, 1920; July 20, 1922; Aug. 30, Sept. 13, 20, 1923; Feb. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 17, Dec. 18, 1924; May 3, 17, 1928.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE MINUTES Any before 1884; 1885-1886; 1890-1898; 1900-1901; 1912; 1919.

MISSISSIPPi CONFERENCE MINUTES: Any before 1865; 1866-1882; 1885-1890; 1892-1893; 1904.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE MINUTES: 1870; 1872-1874.

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One of the chief values of a noble friendship is that it keeps one living at his best. What must it not mean, then, to live in the consciousness that your every word and act is in the presence of the holiest and highest of all friends? If you could honestly believe that, wherever you walk, there walks with you one like unto the Son of Man, a presence that shames the worst in you and calls out the best, would not your life be set up on a higher plane of conduct and thought?—William Pierson Merrill.

Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. J. M. Alford reports a cordial reception by his new charge, Gordon Avenue, Monroe, and he is working for and expecting a great year in every respect.

Rev. Virgil D. Morris, of Columbia, is conducting a campaign in attendance with goals and reports for each unit of his organization. The record made thus far indicates that it is succeeding.

Mrs. L. B. Hunter, our good friend at Waterproof, knows neither weather nor season when it comes to loyalty to the Advocate. She has our sincere appreciation for a list of subscribers just received.

Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Serex, of Shreveport, had the joy on January 11 of welcoming to their home a new arrival, "William Dobbs." We join with many friends in extending congratulations and good wishes for both parents and son.

Mr. William B. Reily, a noble layman of Rayne Memorial Church, has been slightly indisposed recently, according to a business note to the editor. We hope that his illness may be but momentary and that he may soon be entirely recovered.

Dr. Theodore Copeland, of Dallas, Tex., is to be with Dr. W. L. Doss, Jr., in a meeting at Lake Charles, La., beginning the first Sunday in March. Dr. Doss says that his work has been greatly handicapped by the weather, but that he has been gratified by the attendance on bad days.

Dr. George S. Brown, a layman of the city, has been ill with flu for the past week. No layman of our acquaintance has been more conscientious in the recognition of God's interest in what he earned than has Dr. Brown, and outside of that he has rendered a constant, worthy and unselfish service to the Church and to the world.

Recently there came to our attention an act of noble generosity on the part of a layman of Louisiana for which we would like to give specific credit, but we know that he would not stand for it and we respect the feelings of our friend. His ability to give does not exceed his generosity of spirit and his Christian liberality.

Rev. G. W. Ridout, Associate Editor of the Pentecostal Herald, will be in South Louisiana during February, and would like to engage some meetings or Bible Conferences. Those desiring to know about his work or to communicate with him can do so by writing Rev. H. B. Hysell, 1125 Eleonore St., New Orleans.

Camellia Day was observed at First Methodist Church, Crowley, recently. The church was gorgeously decorated with evergreens and camellias—an impressive mid-winter scene. Camellias were distributed to those who came to church service and the day will long be remembered both for the uniqueness and the enjoyableness of the service.

Rev. J. Cude Rousseaux, Colfax, thinks that our office is somewhat scrambled, and we are inclined to agree with him. We do not know who is to blame for it, but we will try to get all troubles ironed out soon. Brother Rousseaux has had a gracious reception at both of his churches, his congregations are good and his salary has been advanced $300.

The Annual Training School for Christian Workers, First Church, Shreveport, will be held Feb. 14-19. Among the instructors are Dr. C. C. Washburn, Mrs. Guy E. Browne, Dean R. E. Smith, Mrs. A. W. Hall, Miss Barnett Spratt, Rev. G. W. Dameron, Dr. Alva W. Taylor, Dr. J. O. Leath, Mrs. Joe Brown Love, and Dr. J. E. Cooper.

Dr. Samstone Holmes, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Holmes of Rayne Memorial Church graciously remembers us with an announcement of the opening of offices for the practice of Dentistry. His offices are located at 824 Ardis Building, Shreveport. Until a few weeks ago Dr. Holmes was associated with the Grenfell Mission in Labrador.

Rev. J. M. Alford sends us a notice of the funeral service for Dr. John B. Culpepper, at Monroe on January 20. Mrs. Shannon, a daughter of Dr. Culpepper, lives in Monroe. Rev. J. M. Alford, Rev. R. M. Bentley, and Rev. W. H. Ledbetter were present at the funeral. Other pastors of the city were in Shreveport at the rally for the Bishops' Crusade.

Dr. W. H. Nelson, who attended the missionary conference of 1901, was present at the recent meeting of the Missionary Council, which opened the Bishops' Crusade. He sends us a write-up of the missionary conference as a background of the movement now on. We regret that the accumulation of material makes it uncertain as to when we may be able to publish it.

The preachers of the Shreveport District had lunch last Monday, as guests of the presiding elder. Seventeen were present with McCullin and McLean furnishing most of the program. It was decided that a district preachers' meeting would be held every month, on the third Monday, at the Y. M. C. A.

Ida and Hosston, under the leadership of Rev. F. J. McCoy, is moving forward. The quarterly conference assumed a raise both in salary and in the benevolences. Some Sunday school rooms will be built shortly at Hosston. Brother McCoy sees the possibility of a Church at Rodessa, and he is following it up.

Mr. S. H. Radcliffe, a member of Rayne Memorial Church, holds a very important position with a great corporation, but he always manages to find time for a vast deal of church work. Every Methodist Church of the city has felt the force of his personality and many inside and outside the city have been the beneficiaries of his splendid business ability and devotion.

The Missionary Institute for New Orleans District was held at First Church, New Orleans, last Thursday evening. We were not able to be present, but we learn that there were approximately 200 present, a good dinner was served, and the outside speakers were Dr. R. L. Russell of the North Georgia Conference and Dr. W. L. Doss, Jr., of Lake Charles. Rev. E. C. Gunn, presiding elder was in charge of the meeting, and Rev. W. H. Wallace, Jr., the host of the meeting, spoke as Conference Missionary Secretary.

The pastors and lay leaders of the lower section of the Lake Charles District were well pleased with the response of the stewards during the Stewards' Institute which was held at Crowley Jan. 24-26. The Institute was conducted under the direction of presiding elder, Benj. F. Rogers, and was led by Dr. G. L. Morelock of Nashville. There were in attendance representatives from fourteen charges, totaling 180. The charges represented were Abbeville, Ellis Smith; Church Point, W. C. Barham; Crowley, Geo. W. Pomeroy; Eunice, M. W. Beadle; Gueydan, K. W. Dodson; Indian Bayou, J. A. Knight; Jeanerette, A. P. Smith; Lafayette, A. L. Gilmore; Lake Arthur, F. A. Matthews; Lake Charles, W. L. Doss, Jr.; New Iberia, O. L. Tucker; Rayne, J. E. Selfe; Sulphur, D. B. Boddie; and Vinton, Alonzo Early. Pastors and laymen alike were enthusiastic in their appreciation for the splendid presentation of the subject by Dr. Morelock and expressed themselves as anticipating material and spiritual improvement in their congregations.

Dr. George Sexton, presiding elder emeritus, had to go back to bed with the flu; but he is up again, and he will try a little Florida sunshine for a change.

Dr. Dana Dawson of First Church went hunting last week with Billy Pomeroy, in the neighborhood of DeRidder. The tale is out that the good Doctor fell in the creek up to his shoulder blades.

Greenwood, Rev. H. E. Pfost, pastor, is also making extensive repairs to the parsonage. It would take a whole column to describe everything which will be done; but it will be big improvements.

Mansfield, Rev. J. J. Rasmussen, pastor, will entertain the District Missionary Institute on Feb. 1. Mansfield carries out the full program of the Church in its usual dependable way.

Plain Dealing, Rev. P. B. McCullin, pastor, is dabbling with the idea of an Educational Building. Benton, on the same charge, will entertain the district conference on May 12.

Noel Memorial, Rev. Chas. M. Crowe, pastor, has been growing so fast that it finds itself crowded in its present physical equipment. It will do something about it pretty soon, perhaps, a fine educational building.

Pelican and Harmon, Rev. F. C. Collins, pastor, is fixing the parsonage. In fact it will be a new parsonage when the carpenters get through. The money has been raised and the work is proceeding without delay.

Wynn Memorial, Rev. E. B. Chaney, pastor, is determined to build a church to meet its opportunities and needs. At a supper, on the 25th of January, those present pledged over $800.00 to that effect. Pastor and congregation are moving forward like inspired people.

All the preachers of the Shreveport District with the exception of Dr. A. M. Shaw of Belcher, in bed with the flu, and Rev. S. S. Bogan of Converse, weatherbound, attended the Missionary Rally of the Bishops' Crusade. The churches of the district were also well represented and helped toward the success of the day.

BISHOPS' CRUSADE AT SHREVEPORT

The Bishops' Crusade reached Shreveport on January 22, according to schedule, with every speaker on hand. Notwithstanding the wretched weather which greeted the crusaders, about eleven hundred people are said to have been in attendance. Bishop Dobbs made the keynote speech and he never appeared to greater advantage, nor spoke more effectively. It is a matter of great gratification that the collection taken at the meeting amounted to more than two thousand dollars—said to have been the top collection up to that time in the entire campaign. This fact coupled with the great collection at Conference for Dr. Manget and the China hospital work is ample proof of the missionary spirit and loyalty of Louisiana Methodism, as it is of the splendid episcopal leadership which this section has in Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs. On Sunday following the meeting at Shreveport, Bishop Kern occupied the pulpits at Minden and Homer; Bishop Ainsworth at Ruston; Brother Rawls at Monroe and West Monroe; and Bishop Dacorso at Mansfield.

A GLEANER.

A LIST OF BOOKS FOR LENTEN READING

Chosen By Dr. E. Stanley Jones

I give this list of recommendations realizing that what appeals to me may not appeal to others, and yet the human mind and the human heart are one, and what appeals to one is liable to appeal to another. This list of books covers a wide range of need. I am persuaded that the spiritual life has its intellectual and social demands and only as they are met can that life be cultivated. I believe that this list of books has a sufficiently wide range to meet the sum total of one's spiritual needs as they pertain to the individual and the social order. I trust they will help you as they have helped me.—E. Stanley Jones.

John C. Bennett: "Christianity and Our World." Association. 50 cents. Walter Russell Bowie: "The Renewing Gospel." Scribner. $2. Hornell Hart: "Living Religion." Abingdon. $1.50. Karl Heim: "The Church of Christ and the Problems of the Day."" Scribner. $1.75. E Stanely Jones: "Victorious Living." Abingdon. $2. Rufus M. Jones: "Some Problems of Life." Cokesbury. $2. Rufus M. Jones: "The Testimony of the Soul." Macmillan. $2. Toyohiko Kagawa: "Brotherhood Economics." Harper. $1.50. Winifred Kirkland: "As Far as I Can See." Scribner. $2. Kenneth Scott Latourette: "Missions Tomorrow." Harper. $2. Henry C. Link: "The Return to Religion." Macmillan. $1.75. Halford E. Luccock: "Christianity and the Individual." Cokesbury. $1.50. John Macmurray: "The Structure of Religious Experience." Yale. $1.50. W. Russell Maltby: "Christ and His Cross." Abingdon. $1.50. Basil Mathews: "Shaping the Future." Abingdon. $1. Kirby Page: "Living Courageously." Farrar and Rinehart. $1. Ralph W. Sockman: "The Paradoxes of Jesus." Abingdon. $2. Robert E. Speer: "The Meaning of Christ to Me." Revell. $1.50. Burnett Hillman Streeter: "The God Who Speaks." Macmillan. $1.75. Evelyn Underhill: "Worship." Harper. $3.

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. H. E. Partridge, once a member of the Mississippi Conference, died at Orlando, Fla., on the morning of December 22, according to notice sent us by Rev. W. T. Griffin.

Rev. James L. Jordan, a local preacher of the Mississippi Conference, residing at Biloxi, died at Oviedo, Florida, on last Thursday night. He was ninety years old and was on a visit to his daughter at the time of his death.

Brother L. P. Brown, layman of Meridian, renews his subscription for the Advocate, and says that he has been a subscriber and reader of the paper "From time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

On February 5, the state-wide meeting of the Bishops' Crusade will be held in Jackson. The speakers will include Bishops Arthur Moore, Smith, Mouzon and Dobbs, and Dr. Y. C. Yang, Mrs. Seth A. Craig and Dr. Elmer T. Clark.

Rev. W. T. Griffin, a superannuate of the Mississippi Conference, writes that as an absentee he is deeply interested in the news of the Conference. He is gracious in his appraisal of what we are seeking to do. For Florida—well, he has caught the fever.

Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Hawkins are settling for the present in a rented home, 301 East Center St., Canton, Miss. On account of health Brother Hawkins asked for and received the superannuate relation at the session of the Mississippi Conference last November.

Brother J. C. Cavett, Superintendent emeritus of the Church School, of Galloway Memorial Church, Jackson, speaks gracious words touching the Advocate which we truly appreciate. The editor has known him for nearly forty years and is glad to count him among his staunch friends.

Rev. Chas. F. Smith, of Houston, Texas, was recently looking through a copy of the New Orleans Advocate of December 22, 1887, and he found in it a "pen-picture" by T. A. S. Adams, though not so signed, and the appointments of the Mississippi Conference. He says that of the entire list he knows of only one who is still living.

The many friends of Rev. J. V. Bennett in North Mississippi are delighted to learn of his splendid beginning at Gibson Memorial, Vicksburg. He transferred to the Mississippi Conference last fall and his congregations are said to be growing, his young people's work taking on new life and both pastor and people are pleased and happy.

Millsaps College band will make another tour of Mississippi towns beginning February 9, according to Publicity Director, W. M. Lauderdale. The present tour will include Kosciucko, Winona, Greenwood, Grenada, Senatobia, Memphis, Tunica, Clarksdale and Belzoni. The band will travel by bus and will give two concerts each day.

Mrs. Aggie Hearron, Route 3, Vicksburg, is seventy-seven years of age and a shut-in. Each week the Advocate is a welcome guest in her home. After she has read it from front to back, she sends it to her colored friends in "Smoky Hollow" to share with them the joys of her own cloistered life. We appreciate this news item from her friend, Miss Mignonne McCandless.

The reporter for the northern half of Seashore District, says that his section was well represented at the District Missionary Institute in Gulfport. Brooklyn was represented by Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Lane and two lay members; Columbia, by Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Sutherland and three lay members; Purvis, by Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Allen and three others; and Wiggins was tops wtih Rev. and Mrs. D. T. Ridgway and eight lay members. Rev. G. H. Thompson, Rev. Van Landrum, and Rev. G. E. Allen were visitors at the Institute in Hattiesburg also.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Dear Mr. Editor: In regards to Brother Roberts' article concerning the report on Sabbath Observance, may I offer a few words in response.

1. If Christ taught anything about the Sabbath He taught that it "was for man and not man for the Sabbath," and that it was not wrong to do good on the Sabbath day.

2. Brother Roberts will agree that in our system the quarterly conference is a good thing and a necessary thing. That it is a part of God's work, that every thing connected with it is sacred and important, and that every transaction is concerned about the advancement of God's Kingdom and for his glory.

It may not be as important as preaching or as sacred as the Lord's Supper, but it would be hard in a great system like ours to have these more important things if it were not for these Conferences where we plan for the work committed to our trust.

3. The quarterly conference is a religious institution. It is opened with songs, Bible reading and prayer. Some of the best preaching I have ever heard has been done by the presiding elder as he "sat" in his chair in conference with the brethren. And some of the most wholesome repenting and the most earnest promising for better obedience to the Lord and His Church, this writer has done in the quarterly conferences.

4. It is a well known fact that we are able to assemble a larger number of officials and other members of the church on Sunday than on other days. If the quarterly Conferences are good things, why not do all the good we can to all the people we can.

It is of no use to argue that Church officials, representing every trade and profession in life should be willing to sacrifice their time to attend week-day conferences; because they are not going to do it very often, and they ought not to be required to, if it can be done just as well, and maybe better on Sunday.

5. As to the Annual Conference and the reading of the appointments on Sunday afternoon when all of the business of the session is over, none but the strictly puritanic could see any harm.

It is the belief of many of us that our church is a holy church, and that our conferences are held for holy purposes and that reading of the appointments are very sacred occasions.

Evidently the members of the Mississippi Conference saw no real reason for prolonging the session another day just because a committee insisted upon writing something into the report which the conference believed to be unnecessary to the pious observance of "the day our Lord hath made." J. E. WILLIAMS.

OSYKA AND FERNWOOD

Dear Dr. Duren: Sunday 24th, inst., was the date of our first quarterly conference for the year 1936 and 1937. As this was on Sunday the preaching service was largely attended.

Our new presiding elder, Brother R. H. Clegg, gave us a great message at the eleven o'clock hour.

Those who attended the service were greatly delighted and deeply impressed with the sermon. Expressions like this, "Brother Saunders, I was at church yesterday and enjoyed the service, and sermon very much."

The business sessions came at 1:30 p.

m., and the attendance of officials and membership was the best it has ever been my privilege to see.

While the reports were not as complete as desired, yet they showed that things were shaping up for a good year.

A fine spirit prevails and a disposition to co-operate to put the program of the church over in good shape was evident. I am not going to say that our new elder took hold like an expert, because I heard once that an expert was "one who had quit spurting and gone to telling others how to spurt." His attitude and tone were deeply Christain in spirit and greatly interested in the business of the Church. It is quite certain the cause will prosper in his hands.

W. H. SAUNDERS, P. C.

COUPON REPORT

At last, we are ready to make a report on the "Coupon Christmas Secret," which lasted the last three months of the year. As you remember, "coupon-ly" speaking our interest in our orphans, was suffering from what might be termed "suspended animation." Deep gloom had settled over the Home and the famous McDonnell smile was on the wane. Result—the missionary women got busy! Some possibly more than others, but someway we feel all were interested. We, as directors of the campaign feel sure there are many more auxiliaries whose names should be on our honor roll, but we had no way of counting save through the letters that passed directly through our hands. If there are others we will so gladly add them if the correct information is forwarded—those of the North Mississippi Conference to Mrs. Clyde V. Maxuree Pickens; those of the Mississippi Conference to Mrs. Will Bradley, Tchula.

Coupons mailed October, November, December 221,000—$884.00; money mailed in $250.00. Grand total, $1,134.00.

Coupons mailed in the nine preceding months, 212,000—$848.00.

Result from Coupons sent in 1936—$1,732.00.

"Christmas Secret" Honor Roll

Honor Roll Auxiliaries include:

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North Mississippi Conference—Pace, Corinth, Dundee, Ripley, Pickens, Tchula, Marks, New Salem, West Point, Spring Hill.

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LIBRARY FOR SALE

I have the following list of books for sale, which I am asking you to please publish in The New Orleans Christian Advocate:

One set of The Pulpit Commentary, 52 volumes, $25.00; One set Clark's Commentary, 6 volumes, $8.00; (1) How Can I Find God, $1.00; Three Hundred Evangelistic Sermon Outlines, Aquilla Webb, $1.50; The Call to Christian Stewardship, 50c; The Message of Jesus, 50c; History of the English Bible, 75c; Personal Salvation, 75c; Modern Eloquence (Public Affairs), $1.00; History of The Reformation, $1.00; Elements of Ethics, 75c; System of Christian Doctrine, $1.50; Letters on Evangelism, 40c; Dictionary of the Bible, $1.50; Index Holy Bible, $1.00; Christ Speaks from Calvary, 75c; The Building of the Church, 75c;The Church and the Ministry in the Early Centuries, 60c; Good Ministers of Jesus Christ, 60c; How to Teach Religion, 60c; Sermons and Lectures by Munsey, 60c; The Preacher and the Crowd (George Stuart) 50c; A Prince in Israel, Alphus W. Wilson, 75c; One Hundred Revival Sermons, Banks, 50c; A Biography Handbook of all Denominations, Hugh Latmer, 50c; Evangelistic Sermons in Outline, Perren, 50c; The Program of the Christian Religion, 50c; Doron's Minister Manual, 50c; The Apostolic Age, 50c; The Tongue of Fire, 50c; Apt Illustrations for Public Speakers, 50c; The Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, $1.00; Heralds of a Passion, Goodell, 50c; The Cyclopedic Handbook to the Bible, 75c; The Evidence of Christian Experience, 75c; Christianity and the Nation, Speer, 75c; Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, Broadus, 75c; The Training of the Twelve, A. B. Bruce, $1.00; The Message of Jesus, 50c; The History of the Reformation, Lindsey, $1.00; The Works of Josephus, $1.50; The Kingdom in the Cradle, Adkins, 75c; The Pastor Preacher, Quail, 50c; Winning the World for Christ, 50c; The Christian Faith, Curtis, $1.00; The Ministry to the Congregation, 75c.

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Jackson, Miss.

SUPERANNUATE OFFERING

Concerning the Special Three Per Cent Offering for the Superannuate Preachers of the Mississippi Conference

The amount that has been paid into the Treasurer, and by him sent to several Claimants has been a great relief and blessing to them.

We have had very few complaints about errors in the report given to the Advocate. One was based on figuring his portion on the Assessment rather than the amount paid, as both the resolution adopted by the Conference stated, and my statement at the time the figures were given to the Advocate.

I note three errors, one by the Advocate office with reference to the Gallman charge, which has been noted already by the Advocate. Two by me. Crystal Springs should have been $54.00 instead of $34.00. Philadelphia, should have been $78.00, instead of $70.00. I had the amounts correct from the Treasurer, but struck the wrong figure with the typewriter and failed to detect it in checking over the report.

The Treasurer of the local church, got a receipt for the correct amount, and the Superannuate man, got the money.

Now, may I urge all who have not sent in their THREE PER CENT to be sure to do so, that we may be able to make another remittance some time in April.

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. E. S. Lewis is happy in his new charge, Durant. We predict for both pastor and people a very happy year in every particular.

Rev. J. W. Ward is beginning his fifth year at Greenville. He seems to be pleased with his old-new charge, and his people are delighted.

Rev. W. N. Duncan is happy in his work at Indianola, but no more so than his people. A good man in a good charge. It should be an unusually good year.

Rev. L. C. Lawhon, new pastor at Carrollton, is already laying his plans for his Advocate campaign, and his early beginning is a practical guarantee of success.

Rev C. A. Parks, Grenada: "Brother Parks and his wife fit in well at Grenada. He is friendly and likeable, his wife is a member of the choir, and our people are pleased."

Rev. Shed Hill Caffey, Greenwood: "Our new preacher is the finest ever. He has won the whole church and is stirring some of the dead ones to life. He is working every one to the limit."

An assistant to President Newman. arrived at Grenada Friday, January 15, Master Charles Foster Newman. Mother and child reported as doing well. We have no report as to President Newman.

Rev. J. W. Gibson, our pastor at Holcomb, is in great favor. It is said that no pastor in recent years has been so loved or so effective in his leadership. This is the fourth year for this splendid pastor.

Rev. J. N. Humphrey is beginning his sixth year on the Dumas charge, Corinth District. This fine people asked for Brother Humphrey five years ago. Dumas is the home of his wife. The whole family is in fine favor.

At a meeting of the Trustees of Grenada College recently, the officers elected were Mr. D. H. Hall of New Albany, president; Rev. A. T. McIlwain, Greenwood, vice president; and Mr. W. E. Jackson, Grenada, secretary.

In the death of Mrs. W. B. Parks, the church at Merigold has suffered a great loss. She has been the leading spirit among the women of the church for many years, and her going will leave a vacancy in many hearts.

Rev. L. P. Jumper is second to no man in the North Mississippi Conference in effectiveness in his appointed field. Brother Jumper is a teacher and preacher of tireless energy. He is doing a worth while work on the Iuka circuit.

Rev. A. R. Beasley, pastor at Tchula, and all his family have been ill with flu. They were taken ill on Dec. 29, and day and night nurses were required for their care. Dr. McIlwain, the presiding elder, reports that they are now improving, and for that we are glad.

Rev. J. H. Holder, pastor of the wide-awake church at West Point, is reported to be having large congregations. The thoughtfulness of his people has been expressed in provisions for the comfort of his family and other ways, and the outlook for the year is encouraging.

Rev. J. E. Stephens, pastor at Clarksdale, is making plans for a forward movement in that church. A determined effort is to be made for the retirement of at least a good part of the church debt. The church will be host to the next session of the North Mississippi Conference.

The Preachers' Meeting for Greenwood District met at Drew, on January 28, 29. An elaborate program dealing with the preacher was arranged and carried out. It included consideration of his official and social relations, and closed with a consecration service.

Rev. W. C. McCay is enjoying an unusual ministry at Baldwyn. He was once a steward in that charge, is known and loved by all the people regardless of race or creed. This is his seventh year in that pastoral charge. No man among us is more truly loved or more helpful in his ministry.

Mrs. J. J. Breland, whose mother was Mrs. O. L. Savage, says that her mother passed away on November 24; and that she read her mother's paper while she lived, but now she is subscribing for herself. We appreciate this loyalty of the daughter of our sainted friends, Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Savage. Mrs. Breland's home is at Sumner, Miss.

W. D. Cummings, father of Mrs. W. T. Phillips, died at Mantachie, on January 22. He was in his seventy-sixth year and had been a member of the Methodist Church since childhood. He is survived by his widow, six children and six brothers and sisters. Mrs. Phillips is the wife of Rev. W. T. Phillips, pastor at Lula and Dundee.

Rev. James H. Felts, one of our superannuates who lives in Fulton, Ky., is reported as kept busy gathering eggs. His chickens are doing themselves proud.

Rev. Robt A. Clark, presiding elder of Dyersburg District, Memphis Conference, attended the Missionary Council and was a welcome caller at the Advocate office. We appreciate his friendship which dates from our college days. His territory is quite a little affected by the disastrous floods which have swept valleys of the Ohio River and its tributaries.

Construction of the new church at Oxford began on February 1, according to Rev. W. R. Lott. The Educational Building has provision for a completely departmentalized school from the nursery to the adults, and the assembly for the young people is to be a university chapel which will be attractively finished. The congregation hopes to be able to occupy the new building early in August.

A unique survey of the religious life of Amory has been completed and the results have been tabulated and posted by Dr. C. B. Baker, church school superintendent. It is arranged by family groups, one thousand of which constitute the portion of the Methodists. Any departmental superintendent can get from the tabulation full particulars as to any person or family in which he is interested.

Rev. L. P. Wasson, presiding elder of Columbus District, announces a heavy schedule for the next few weeks. District institutes at Louisville, Starkville and Sallis on February 2, 3, and 4 respectively. Bishops' Crusade at Jackson, Feb. 5. District Missionary Institute at Ackerman, March 12. Stewards' Institute at Starkville led by G. L. Morelock, March 14-16. District Conference and Bible Conference, First Church, Columbus, May 3.

There is no happier young couple in the Advocate territory than Mr. John McEachern and wife, Mrs. Alma Catherine McEachern, Grenada. John Dubard McEachern arrived recently to share their home. John, Sr., is treasurer of the board of stewards at Grenada, and one of the best ever. His wife was a Dubard, granddaughter of Mr. Wm. Dubard, splendid citizen and churchman, daughter of Mr. L. A. Dubard, Dubard, Miss. The honored name of Dubard gives stability and strength to any community. We have no finer citizens or higher type of Christian men and women. We wish for this new arrival a long and helpful life.

Another six-year man is Rev. S. E. Ashmore, Iuka Station. Brother Ashmore began his ministry there with a salary just inside the teens and benevolences very difficult to secure. His salary has passed the two-thousand mark, the benevolences have grown in like manner, and a splendid addition to the church has been completed without debt. If there is a finer record in that Conference we would be pleased to hear of it. Every interest of the church is cared for by this fine young preacher.

CALHOUN CITY, MISS.

Calhoun City is made up of thoroughbred Southerners. The Baptist Church is quite strong in this county, and our Church is the second in members. We now have 26 subscribers to the Advocate, a well-organized Sunday school and Woman's Missionary Society. A business women's circle of 16 has just been organized. We have a good committee on Christian Literature, and it has already secured several new subscribers.

The people are unusually kind to this preacher and his family. They give him a pounding every few weeks, and he and his wife enjoy the experience very much.

T. W. LEWIS.

METHODIST BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION HONORS ITS FOUNDER.

At its annual January meeting in Nashville the Methodist Benevolent Association by decision named 1937 FOUNDER'S YEAR, in honor of Dr. J. H. Shumaker, who founded the Association in 1903, and has been manager ever since. It was decided to double the membership through a FOUNDER'S YEAR CAMPAIGN. Dr. Shumaker was raised to hard work and high ideals, a farmer's boy in Mississippi; worked his way through college, and was a successful Methodist preacher for over twenty years. Then dedicated his life to the work of building a great fraternal Methodist Insurance Brotherhood, for the insurance and protection of all Methodist preachers and laymen, women and children. Report showed the Association had prospered, paid every claim; had no lawsuits; was 100% safe; its investment being in real estate and first mortgages and bonds; and owning its own home office building next door to the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn.

DR. J. H. SHUMAKER

Founder of Methodist Benevolent Association

The Board of Directors, composed of leading Methodist preachers and laymen, expressed themselves as follows:

Union of Methodism Favored

The Methodist Benevolent Association in annual meeting at Nashville, Tenn., January 12, 1937, rejoices in the prospective union of the three great Methodist Churches of America. We pray that this brotherly spirit of union may be emulated by all Christian organizations; thus hastening the day of universal brotherhood and peace.

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We rejoice in the inspiring work of our Bishops' Crusade for a spiritual revival, and we pray that every heart may be warmed into more perfect service.

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, FEBRUARY 7

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The astounding claims of Jesus would but have hastened his name to oblivion had not his assertions been supported by his achievements. It will be time enough to discuss the relative place of Jesus when some rival light appears and to question his supremacy when some other approximates his perfection. The centuries have produced many saints and sages, but to Jesus still belongs the right to the title: "The Light of the World." He is no mere reflector, but the source of spiritual light and life. There is no other way unless there is another God. The Father of light must be like Jesus, and to know Jesus is to know him. No follower of his walks in darkness. His disciples are known not by their profession, but by their fidelity, by their obedience to his word. By this they also become lights in a dark world.

The promise is that disciples shall know the truth, specially the truth as incarnated and taught by himself. That suffices to put them in right relation to God and man. However, Jesus is friendly to all truth, and the true disciple is both open-minded and eager-minded, hungry to know as much as possible not only about God and duty, but about the physical universe, and the history of the race with all its interests and activities. Nothing less can bring freedom. Knowledge and use of truth will break the chains of bondage to ignorance, disease, sin, superstition as certainly as the acetylene torch will sever bars of steel. The Christian rejoices in all truth whether discovered by a pagan or a fellow disciple.

The connection between certain forms of sin and consequent suffering must have been noted from the earliest days of human reflection, but the doctrine that all suffering is the result of personal or family sin is a devil's lie to deceive, discourage, and defeat the saints. Take altruism out of the human heart, and you thereby make an enormous reduction in the world's suffering. How happy most of us could be but for the pain of others! Jesus suffered for others, not merely on Calvary, but throughout his sinless life. Herein is the work of God manifest—the attitude of God toward suffering—to alleviate it, to eradicate it when possible, to share it always. The good suffer most. The wicked are notoriously callous. As the pain and need of dependent children form one of the strongest ties in the home, so should the hurt and heartache of the world bind all humanity into one great family. But for suffering the finest virtues we know would perish—mercy, sympathy, benevolence, humanitarian efforts to make a better world. That a divinely ordered universe smiles on every measure taken to relieve or remove suffering is proved by the success of Christian charity and of medical discovery. Whatever the ultimate cause of suffering, immediate duty calls for its relief. Jesus was more concerned to "work while it is day" than to determine either the origin or the end of the world. We cannot do better than to follow his example.

As Jesus gave sight to the blind, he is also able to give illumination to the soul. He commanded, the man obeyed; he furnished the power, the sufferer used the means of healing. There is no other way to light and life. When the blind came seeing, the testimony of observers was confused and uncertain, but the testimony of experience was clear and confident. He was not able to comprehend the character of Christ nor to explain his power, but he could see! Christianity will die when there are left no saved men to testify to its results.

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The Christian Fireside

THE APPLE OF THE EYE

(Adapted)

Our little Marjorie heard me pray the other day that God would keep us all as the apple of the eye. She asked me later what I meant. My answer was quite ready. "By the apple," I said, "I mean the pupil," and went on to explain that the eye is the most delicate organ of the body, and therefore is more protected against danger than any other organ. I spoke about the boney protection above, about the strong boney cup in which it is set, about the way the eyelids close so rapidly when danger threatens, and about the way it is washed and kept clean.

There is no part of our bodies we guard so carefully as our eyes, and the pupil was the most delicate portion of the eye. I told her that when we asked God to keep us as the apple of the eye, we asked Him to care for us, with particular care. The explanation satisfied Marjorie. Then, going to my study, I remembered that I had recently read something about the Psalmist's saying I had been explaining, and I found the book, and I read where it said the "apple of the eye" in Hebrew is "little daughter." "What does that mean?" The writer asks, and he says, "Well, if you look at the black part of our father's eye, you will see there a little picture of yourself, as if in a mirror. You are the little man of his eye, and your sister when she looks is the little daughter. So the message that the Hebrew Psalmist brings you is that God the Father has you—little you—in His eye all the time. That is surely worth thinking about. It not only means that God must care for us, but it means too that it is an important matter what kind of little men and daughters we are."

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Columbus Dist.—Second Round

Louisville, preaching, Feb. 7, 11 a.m.
Macon Station, Feb. 7, p.m.
Kosciusko Circuit, at Bethel, Feb. 14, 11 a.m.
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Sturgis, at Sturgis, Feb. 21, 11 a.m.
Brooksville, Feb. 21, p.m.
Ackerman, Feb. 28, 11 a.m.
Caledonia, at Caledonia, Mar. 7, 11 a.m.
Central Church, Mar. 7, p.m.
Long View, at Adaton,, Mar. 10.
West Point, Mar. 14, 11 a.m.
Laymen's Institute with Dr. Morelock, Mar. 14-16.
Chester, at Nebo, Mar. 17.
Crawford, at Sessums, Mar. 18.
Weir and McCool, at Liberty Hill, Mar. 21, 11 a.m.
Artesia, at Artesia, Mar. 21, p.m.
Sallis, at ———, Mar. 28, 11 a.m.
Macon Circuit, at Salem, Apr. 4, 11 a.m.
Shuqualak, at Center Valley, Apr. 7.
Durant, Apr. 11, 11 a.m.
Pickens and Goodman, at Goodman, Apr. 11, p.m.
Noxapater, at Pisgah, Apr. 14.
Mashulaville, at New Hope, Apr. 15.
Louisville Circuit, at High Point, Apr. 18, 11 a.m.
Louisville, Station, Apr. 18, p.m.
Columbus, First Church, preaching, Apr. 25, 11 a.m.
Columbus, First Church, quarterly conference, Apr. 26, p.m.

District Conference at First Church, Columbus, May 3-5. Bible Conference in connection with District Conference beginning Monday night, May 3. District Missionary Institute at Ackerman Mar. 12. Let us have half our benevolences in hand by the meeting of the District Conference. Mid-year check-up.

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Methodist Women

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
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The Officers' Training Day for the New Orleans District was held late in the year 1936 at Carrollton Avenue Church, with Mrs. J. W. Warren, the District secretary, presiding. The meeting opened with a devotional service led by the pastor-host, Rev. D. B. Raulins.

Mrs. Neil Callahan, Mrs. Walter Grant, Mrs. W. D. Storms, Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Mrs. R. W. Irvine, Mrs. J. W. Warren, Mrs. W. H. Wallace and Mrs. J. B. Pollard led the discussions pertaining to the duties of the officers. A profitable and pleasant day was had. Luncheon was served at the noon hour by the Carrollton auxiliary.

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Deaconess Sheila Nuttall, Conference Rural Worker, who completed a term of service in the Ruston District and took up residence and work in the Monroe District early in the fall, sends in a most interesting report of her year's work in rural communities. Her report shows that she has participated in the work of woman's missionaries, Sunday schools, young people's service, boards of stewards, annual, District and zone meetings, revivals, Vacation Church School Institistitutes and Conference, Mission Study classes, Christian Adventure Camps, Local Boards of Christian Education, Play and Pageant Practices, and many other things too numerous to mention. Incidentally we note she has traveled 14,450 miles and written 14,196 letters and cards. No finer work is being done than sending out trained leaders to rural fields. We take great pride in the work of our "rural deaconess."

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Louisiana women have certainly been fortunate in having within the bounds of their Conference two great and glorious meetings. The first was the mass meeting for women, held at Rayne Memorial Church during the session of the General Missionary Council in New Orleans. The church auditorium was packed to capacity with missionary women from all over the Church. Great inspirational addresses were made by Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. Arthur Moore, Bishop Caesar de Carso, of Brazil and Dr. Yang of Soochow University, China.

The second great meeting was held in Shreveport, at the Louisiana Conference Rally of the Bishops' Crusade. In the afternoon approximately five hundred Louisiana women gathered in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church for a great inspirational meeting. Mrs. Wiltz Ledbetter presided and Miss Daisy Davies of the Woman's Missionary Council was the guest speaker. The meeting closed with a consecration service led by Bishop Kern. Surely the work of the Louisiana Conference will go forward by leaps and bounds this year 1937 because of these great inspirational meetings.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

Clarksdale sends in this report of a World Outlook program because, as the reporter says, it really was a good one. They have ambitions this year to make the World Outlook programs the most attractive of any given by the auxiliary. They typed statements from each field of work as suggested by the leaflets. They selected from the handbook five reasons for having a missionary society. More than twenty-five persons participated in the program beside the corporate responses. Eighty-five were present.

World Outlook Program Presented by Methodist Society of Clarksdale

The new program committee composed of Mesdames C. F. Baltzer, A. K. Shaifer, J. F. Humber and Hillary Talbert had prepared a World Outlook program for the Monday afternoon meeting over which Mrs. Talbert presided. This is one of the two meetings to be held each month at the church. Next Monday the second of these meetings—the Social Business session—will be in charge of the circle by Mrs. Charles Bobo. The circle of Mrs. Louis Bennett led with an attendance of fourteen although the circles of Mesdames Wilkins and John Wiley were close seconds, each with thirteen present. The circles of Mesdames Wilkins and W. B. Johnson reported new members—Mrs. H. G. Brewer and Mrs. Pat Peay.

All features of the program were well presented. Mrs. A. J. Brown closed the period of silent prayer for deepened appreciation of Missionary emphasis in the Scriptures. Mrs. Lloyd McGaha read a poem on "The Book of Books, Our People's Strength." Mrs. S. W. Whitmire spoke on the "New Testament as a Missionary Book."

Mrs. Whitmire called attention to the unity of the New Testament, remarkable in that the different books were written without collaboration, by a number of authors, in different places, at different times, yet were one in relation to the Lord Jesus Christ. As a remedy for hatred of another person the speaker suggested that we strive to see Christ in the person hated.

Mrs. Pat Peay beautifully sang an appropriate hymn. Her sweet, sympathetic voice always gives pleasure.

Five reasons for having a Missionary Society were given by Mrs. Charles W. Wells. These included the carrying on of work begun by our women fifty years ago, the carrying out of plans of Jesus, the needs of mankind, especially the needs of women, and the enrichment of our own lives through study, service and prayer.

Mrs. Talbert feeling that interest is quickened by knowledge, had asssigned a complete resume of "Our Dollars At Work." The amounts contributed to both Home and Foreign Mission fields, the work done along educational lines, rural, inter-racial, industrial, delinquent girls, Wesley Houses, Bethlehem Centers all received mention. The Greenville District supports a Bible woman in Brazil in memory of Mrs. Sallie Evans, formerly of Cleveland. Scarritt is a part of our responsibility. Foreign work is done in Africa, Brazil, China, Cuba, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Poland.

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Brother Cohen was born in Norden, Germany, May 15, 1851. The roof that first sheltered him was that of a deeply devout Jewish home. He was of the tribe of Levi whose long and honorable line had endowed him with its spiritual riches. While quite a young man, being profoundly religious himself, he served a class of boys as instructor in the Hebrew faith. His large knowledge of the Old Testament scriptures led him into the quest for Christ whom he found and faithfully served for more than a half century.

Another interesting line in the Register of Carrollton Avenue Church has to do with Brother Cohen's marriage. It is the first such record in the book. "Names: Jacob Cohen—Christine Nicolaisen. By whom married: Rev. P. H. Hench. Date: November 25, 1886." His beloved wife, who survives him, also was born in Germany.

On November 25, 1936, the Golden Wedding anniversary was celebrated. On that evening, standing beside Mrs. Cohen to receive the blessings, congratulations and good wishes of a multitude of friends, Brother Cohen spoke in chaste and well-chosen words of their life together. Among them he said, "Christine was my first and only love. She led me to know Jesus Christ as my Saviour."

Brother Cohen was devoted to his church. Truly of him it might be said, "For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend; to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end." To it he gave liberally of his time, thought and means. Each Sunday morning he was in his place of worship. His faith was simple, deep and firm. His religion saturated his whole life. His life was an effective commentary on Christianity and a fitting tribute to the Church.

Brother Cohen joined the church triumphant December 7, 1936. His was the path of the just which is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

His pastor,
D. B. RAULINS.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY AND APPRECIATION

Whereas, the Heavenly Father has called home our dear beloved Sister, Mrs. Mary Louise Thompson, a devoted wife and daughter, and

Whereas, our sister has served as former Sunday school teacher and faithful member of the Flora Methodist Church, Flora, Miss., and

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Resolved, that we extend to her family our profound sympathy, and pray God's richest blessings upon them during this time of sorrow; and be it further

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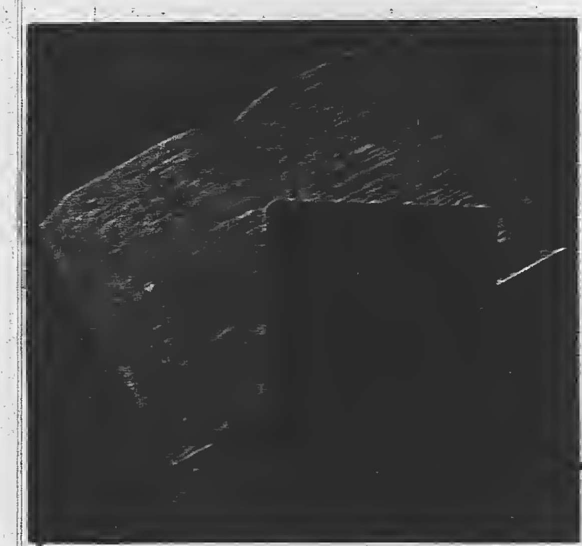

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THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

At the Beginning of the March in Korea

Reception for Bishop Moore, Chosen Hotel, November 11, 1936. Dr. Yun to Bishop Moore's right, seated; Superintendent Ryang to Bishop Moore's right, rear; Dr. and Mrs. Wasson to Bishop Moore's left.

Wallet of the Week

THE RELIGIOUS TELESCOPE says: "According to a clause in the liquor law of Indiana that state legalized the traffic for the protection of the welfare, health, peace and morals of the people." It then adds that it should have gone further and said that it was seeking to bring in the millennium. It is claimed that Prohibition closed 177,000 saloons, and that Repeal has opened 500,000 places for the sale and dispensing of liquor. Everything has been prostituted by the traffic in drink except Santa Claus.

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THE STALK OF A SUNFLOWER six feet tall, according to a botanist who made investigation of the facts, is supported by roots which have a total actual measurement of 1,448 feet. That means that the cap of gold which crowns the six-foot stalk has been made possible by the feeding of nearly five hundred yards of unseen roots. They discover and elaborate the materials out of which the gorgeous flower is created. A parable in nature of the process through which greatness comes into being. All men are creatures of unseen and often unrecognized agencies.

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THE EVANGELIZATION OF CANADIAN LIFE is being undertaken in a six-weeks campaign by the Protestant churches of the Dominion. According to the report quoted, "The total purpose of the movement is to strengthen the devotion of the believer, to re-awaken the love of the half-hearted and to kindle faith in the heart of the outsiders." The first meeting was held in Montreal, sixteen thousand people met together, and the singing was led by a choir of two thousand voices. The result of the campaign can be easily foretold if such interest and enthusiasm can be maintained throughout the period.

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THE GREAT LIBRARY of the Duke of Alba in Madrid has been bombed and destroyed by rebel planes, say news dispatches from the beleaguered city. Along with its thousands of literary treasures, it appears that the priceless diary of Christopher Columbus written by his own hand may have been destroyed. The loss of that document at the hands of ruthless vandals of the air, regardless of sides, would be an unspeakable atrocity—a crime against civilization. But even that offence would be but a mild impropriety as compared with the ruthless and wholesale war-murders which discredit the human race. Surely the day has come when war should be outlawed and war lords should be catalogued as the arch enemies of humanity.

AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT is reported to have been signed at Geneva by which the representatives of thirty-six countries bind their countries not to use their radio stations to stir up discord in other nations or to prejudice international relations. To that wholesome gesture, we would like to add the suggestion that a discontinuance of the advertisement of liquors over our radio stations might do not a little to relieve the United States of the disgraceful record of nearly thirty-seven thousand traffic fatalities in a single year.

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REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNISTS in the United States number three million members, six thousand paid speakers, and six hundred "subversive" papers and magazines, says the **Religious Telescope** quoting **The Presbyterian.** If to that number we might add the members and supporters of fascistic groups, it might enable us to understand better some of the wretched propaganda being fed to uninformed American citizens. It would be better for us to muddle along in our American way than to adopt those Continental systems whose record is chaos.

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THE SIT DOWN STRIKE now prevailing in the automobile industry has the appearance of being an American adaptation of the Indian "civil disobedience" strike for which Gandhi became famous a few years ago. In the Indian dispute, the British Government provided quarters for the balking Mahatma and the courts of Michigan seem to have warned the strikers in Flint to be careful where they sit down. We do not know anything about the merits of the controversy and we do not presume to give an opinion, but it is not unlikely that for every right violated there is a wrong which needs to be adjudicated.

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THE DIVORCE CODE of the Hopi Indians apparently has no red-tape and no delays in its processes. The wife simply puts her husband's saddle and belongings outside and closes the door. The finality of the process seems to have been upset, however, when a government man came upon the reservation and said to an ejected husband: "If I were in your place, I'd break the door in, take the new husband out and give him a good flogging." The ex-husband immediately put the advice of the white man into effect and he all but kicked his successor off the mesa. His tactics proved unbelievably successful, and for the next two years there was a noticeable decline in Hopi divorces.

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EDITORIAL

LIVING OR GETTING, WHICH?

The question asked by the Apostle James, "What is life?" puts in different form the thought of the psalmist: "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" Both questions imply a recognition of the dual factors involved in the being and the living of man. It is much easier to raise the issue than it is to find a solution of the mystery. Along with the major problem, James suggests the material and unconstructive approach to life. Time, travel, bargaining, building a fortune—a purely human setting and a selfish approach. It is not in any proper sense a definition, but a picture of the preoccupations of the world, a graph of the daily activities of man. It is life within an iron rim of material circumstances and selfish purpose, which shuts out the recognition of God. James does not deny the value or the importance of such activity, except as it may absorb the energy and thought of man. He implies that life in the totality of its meaning cannot be pressed into a mold of material achievement. It is the over-arching presence and providence of God which gives meaning to life, not accumulation of fortune or gaining of place and power. Without due regard for that fact, the noblest ventures of men collapse, every beautiful dream dissolves into thin air, and time becomes a rope of sand. The tower of fortune, to which men devote their energies, leans toward the ground. But when one accepts the partnership of God, not alone in the mystical and the unseen, but also in the routine of daily work, then a medley of faults and foibles, of vanities and virtues, is transmuted into that priceless tapestry which is life. Through human genius and divine grace, the scions of primitive man became the pillars of a great civilization, and human work and weakness have been wrought into a symphony of action and hope, the lure of immortality. The answer to the question of James can be had only through co-operation with God for the fulfillment of the possibilities of the being created a little lower than the angels and crowned with glory and honor.

THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

The Bishops' Crusade at Jackson last Friday outdid in attendance, interest and enthusiasm the meeting of the Missionary Council held in New Orleans a month earlier. The chairman of the meeting was Dr. E. Nash Broyles, pastor of First Church, Columbus, and the auditorium of Galloway Memorial Church was packed to overflowing, and an overflow meeting was addressed by Dr. Y. C. Yang and others, in order that the crowds who could not be accommodated in the central meeting might not miss the message and enthusiasm of the occasion. Both the Conferences in Mississippi were well represented by pastors and laymen, and the one regrettable fact was the absence of Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, who has charge of this episcopal district, on account of illness. The first speaker to be introduced was Bishop A. Frank Smith who, being the first speaker, had a difficult hour for a very important message. The people were crowding into the auditorium throughout the entire period of his speaking, and that made it hard for both the audience and for Bishop Smith. Bishop Mouzon, the second speaker, brought a strong and timely message which was well received. We have not heard Bishop Mouzon when he seemed to us to appear to better advantage than he did in his address on Friday morning. The last address of the morning session was by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, whose appearance in this section is always a matter of interest and expectancy. His voice was slightly impaired from much speaking and he showed signs of strain from his four weeks of continuous campaigning. He delivered a vigorous address, at the conclusion of which a collection was taken, but we were unable to get a report upon the amount received. We left before the afternoon sessions. One for the women, presided over by Mrs. E. H. Galloway, was addressed by Mrs. Seth A. Craig, of Texas, and the one for men was held at First Baptist Church and addressed by Bishop Arthur J. Moore. All in all, we consider it a great occasion both for Methodism and the cause of Missions.

SPACE ASSIGNMENTS AND ELSE

In order to care for every interest of the Church and of the Conferences, we are assigning page five of the Advocate to the discussion of Unification. With that assignment, we have no open page left except the last which we reserve for page advertisements. These space assignments are made for the purposes indicated and will be used for the interests which they represent, except when we have insufficient material for any issue, we will fill the unused space with other material. No one must feel that the failure to use the space for any week will entitle him to a greater allotment in a succeeding issue. We are making this allotment of space in order that we may be fair and just to all, not because we are "hard-boiled," but because we face a condition which is more "hard-boiled." We appeal to our contributors to write concisely and with sympathetic regard for our problem. By so doing you will help us to serve every interest of the Church.

The adding of the Conference pages has greatly increased the number of personal items to be handled and has made the task of the editor much heavier. This means that it has multiplied the opportunities for making errors. All the news items must be edited in order to conserve space and for the sake of uniformity, and in such a volume of details it is easy for an erroneous statement to escape detection. If such a mistake should be made, just write us about it and we will do our best to correct it. According to Alexander Pope, "To err is human, to forgive divine." In the Advocate office we are all quite human, and we hope to find in our readers qualities nobly divine. Finally, on account of the loss of one of our linotype operators, we cannot be responsible for delay in publication of matter received after Friday for insertion in the succeeding issue. Please bear this in mind and get material to us on time.

ELIHU ROOT

A long life has ended, a great citizen passes and an international figure has gone from us. Mr. Root was a great lawyer, a superb diplomat and a statesman in the best meaning of that term. His greatness lifted him above partisan prejudice, his incorruptible honor made him a trusted adviser without reference to political affiliations, and his splendid ability kept him in the van of American political leadership for half a hundred years. He was a friend of world peace, a staunch advocate of international justice, and he was truly a national chief without official designation. If he and ex-President Taft might have been entrusted with the delicate and momentous responsibility of representing the United States at the Peace Conference of Versailles, it might have been better for peace, for international relations and for world readjustment. His ability, his integrity and his unselfish service vouchsafe for him an honored place in the history of his generation.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

BOATS AND ALIBIS

We have been going through the process of having a boat built. Ordinarily, getting a boat would be a simple undertaking—simply the giving of an order and the writing of a check. But under conditions that prevail, the method is somewhat complicated, even excluding the painful procedure of check-writing (which, however, cannot be excluded).

For some time we have felt the need of a boat. We have a small fish-pond, fed by an artesian well, upon which a boat would present a pretty picture. The pond is not long enough or wide enough to require a boat, but it is deep enough to float one—and we've had a kind of hankering to utilize its depth.

Then, we live on the banks of the Yazoo river. The muddy waters of this historic and romantic stream are not much to look at; but its banks are lined with willows and cottonwoods, and a boat-ride down the stream is a delightful experience. (We say "down the stream" advisedly, as we once tried paddling against the current—and it is extremely strenuous exercise). In addition, some fine catfish grow in the Yazoo, and the catching of them on trot-lines is fine sport. And it takes a boat to put out trot-lines.

Furthermore, we have a lake down on the farm that is wide and long as well as deep. It is a fine fishing hole all the time (we caught a pound-and-a-half bass on January 30), and in the winter it affords good duck-hunting; and a boat comes in mighty handy for one who likes to hunt and fish.

Again, we have never before owned a boat. We shall not go so far as to say that every man owes it to himself, his family, and his country to own a boat at some period of his life, but we have come to feel that the ownership of one brings a degree of satisfaction that scarcely anything else can equal. There is a real pleasure in owning anything; but think of owning a boat! There is a thrill in the very thought.

For the reasons above assigned, we have, as we remarked in the beginning, been going through the process of having a boat built. Whether we use it on the pond, on the river, or on the lake—or whether we use it at all or not—we shall have the satisfied feeling of owning it.

Incidentally, if the high water comes this way—and there is every reason to believe it will—it will be handy to have a boat around the premises.

The moral of this essay is that anybody that wants an alibi can find one.

Unification

NEGRO CONFERENCES OF THE NORTHERN CHURCH AND UNIFICATION

By Bishop Warren A. Candler

In the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Columbus, Ohio, there was marked opposition to the proposed plan of Unification, some fifty white men and some thirty colored delegates voting against the plan; and in the votes by the Annual Conferences the same marked opposition is manifested.

Zion's Herald gives the result so far as follows:

"Six of the Negro Conferences (ministerial) in the fall group of thirteen have voted against unification, but the total vote of all these ministers was 463 against 403 for the plan. Among the laymen, in this same group, eight of the thirteen Conferences opposed the measure by a total vote of 229 to 169. Through the courtesy of Dr. Robert N. Brooks, editor of The Christian Advocate, Southwestern Edition, we are enabled to give our readers the complete figures for the fall Conferences. Six spring Conferences among the Negroes have not yet voted. Dr. Brooks' report follows:

Conference	Annual		Lay	
	For	Against	For	Against
Atlanta	41	0	22	0
Central Alabama	36	34	1	23
East Tennessee	38	0	2	22
Louisiana	15	92	2	35
Mississippi	9	74	4	32
North Carolina	16	43	2	15
Savannah	36	1	9	3
South Carolina	82	40	60	7
Southwest	8	57	11	10
Tennessee	5	26	1	15
Texas	22	65	5	22
Upper Mississippi	39	31	23	0
West Texas	56	0	27	45

"With this strong tide of sentiment among the Negroes now moving unmistakably against the plan of unification, every minister and layman who has not yet voted on the issue ought before casting his ballot, to give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to the question of race discrimination and minority rights."

In the same issue of the Herald in which this statement is given appears a vigorous article from which this paragraph is taken:

"A great moral principle is at stake and a great church cannot afford to compromise on such a live issue as is here involved; even if it means the bringing together of the largest group of Protestants on a continent or on the globe, the church cannot afford to do an unchristian thing. Before the eyes of the world the price is too great. Would the church carry through by main force what a minority does not desire and has expressed itself against? Three-fourths of the colored delegates in the General Conference last May voted against the plan of unification because of this issue. The Methodist Youth Conference, meeting in Berea, Kentucky, last September, voted 466 to 14 against unification because of this issue alone. Otherwise, youth is very favorable to unification. The races across the sea are watching to see what will be the attitude of American Methodists toward men of other than white color. Other church denominations here in the United States are watching this decision with keen interest. Here is an issue that will have tremendous bearing on the future of Methodism in our country."

The plan of unification that meets such opposition at this early day is of doubtful value, to say the least of it.

It is to be regretted that the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are called upon to vote during 1937—a year in advance of the General Conference to which the plan remains to be reported by the Commission.

In truth, the plan of unification is not yet before the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and the Annual Conferences which may assume to vote on it during the year 1937 are voting prematurely, if not illegally. The plan is not before the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, until the General Conference of 1938 has passed upon it.

MERGER THREATENED

Resort to the courts in an attempt to halt the proposed "plan of unification" of the Methodist Episcopal Church is proposed by the Rev. Lorenzo H. King, pastor of St. Mark's M. E. Church, who has asked the N. A. A. C. P. to assign its legal department "to institute legal proceedings to restrain the M. E. Church from carrying out this plan of racial segregation and discrimination."

The N. A. A. C. P. would make no comment Wednesday on the request. Roy Wilins, editor of The Crisis and assistant secretary of the Association, told The Amsterdam News that the legal staff of the Association would have to study the request, and that decision would be made later.

Should the N. A. A. C. P. decide against entering the proposed court attack, the Rev. Mr. King is prepared to "consult other legal authorities," he informed the Association in his letter to it.

Explains Proposal

The new plan of union of Methodist bodies contemplates reorganization of the church into six jurisdictional divisions, five of which are geographically set up. The sixth, under the plan, is to be purely Negro or racial.

To this arrangement Dr. King objects on the ground that "fundamentally it would restrict the Negro's freedom of membership in the denomination on the basis of color qualifications." At present membership at large in the church is the privilege of the Negro, and this privilege is regulated by his individual discretion and choice.

Removes Free Choice

"The proposed plan legislates him into membership in a single distinct jurisdiction—that a colored one, thus precluding the possibility of free choice except in a given racial area within the church.

"A few leaders will gain place, preferment and prestige, while Negro members by the tens of thousands will lose forever their privilege of freedom of membership in the general church, which, for 150 years hitherto, has never legislated to restrict its membership privilege on the basis of color or race.

"In the United Church, as proposed, the Negro will have membership in the General Conferences, but a Negro is limited in membership to the local church, which, by the plan, is forced into a jurisdictional unit hedged about with color barriers. It is a specious rejoinder, made by the advocates of the plan, that the Negro 'dislikes to be associated with a group of his own kind.' The point at issue is totally different. It is the fact that he should be legislated into any position based solely on color or other prejudicial and restrictive circumstances which precludes his ability to freely choose for himself the locus of his membership.

"This procedure," declares Dr. King, "is morally wrong and betrays that lack of sincerity and moral earnestness for righteous adjustment of human relations which today accounts for the social impotence of the organized church. Is it to be wondered at that the masses of white and Negro youth are developing an aversion to the church as a social institution; that the organized church has but little, if any, commanding influence among the youth; that thousands of Negro Methodist youths find it difficult to maintain loyalty toward their denomination?"—Amsterdam News, Jan. 30.

(Note.—Bishop Candler approves insertion of full text of this article for his post script excerpts from it.—Editor).

MEMORIAL MERCY HOME

Dear Friends: I just want to thank every one of you for what you have done for this work of mercy for the past eighteen years. I know that if you could fully realize the comfort it brings to broken-hearted parents when they have to enter their young daughters here to find not only a hospital, but also a Christian home where every care and consideration is given to their unfortunate child, you would be more than glad to have a share in helping to carry on. We do hope this year that all of our churches will remember us with an offering on the second Sunday in February, or as soon as possible.

J. G. SNELLING, Supt.

From Bishop Dobbs

Dear Brother Snelling: We in Mississippi and Louisiana are anxious to continue and to increase our support of the Memorial Mercy Home. In the name of all my brethren I send you this assurance of our willingness and of our desire to co-operate.

As the day approaches on which we are to make our offering, I am impelled to urge our friends everywhere to include this worthy cause in their benevolences.

Few men have ever regretted rendering assistance to a mother and her child

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. J. W. Booth, recently assigned to Franklinton, has been well received by the people of his new charge. He says that the church has suffered quite a loss by the death of Rev. F. N. Sweeney and of Mrs. M. J. Burris.

Rev. D. B. Boddie, Sulphur, featured "Family Day" in his church at both the services last Sunday. He put forth effort to have his people present in family groups both for the preaching service and for the communion.

From Mr. W. A. McKennon, Business Manager, First Church, Shreveport, we have a list of four subscriptions with check to match. We greatly appreciate the favor and hope to make the Advocate more and more helpful to all our friends.

Camellia Day reported for Crowley church in our last issue was another of the errors for which the editor takes the blame. It should have been Lafayette instead of Crowley, and we apologize to Brother Gilmore, the enterprising pastor at Lafayette.

Rev. W. E. Akin reports a cordial reception at Pine Grove for the beginning of his second year. He doubled the collections for Benevolences last year, and the quarterly conference has accepted a ten per cent increase this year. He is planning an aggressive revival campaign.

Dr. John F. Foster and wife, of Shreveport, were visitors in the city last week. Dr. Foster came to attend the meeting of the Masonic Lodge of Louisiana, of which he is the honored chaplain, and while here he remembered the Advocate office with an appreciated call.

Mrs. D. M. Scarborough, whose address is Route 1, Shreveport, has been ill for some time. Writing from Mobile, Ala., she says that she is better and expects to return home soon. We are happy to be assured of her improved health and we appreciate her good word for the Advocate.

During the week, we have received $157.50 from First Church, Shreveport, which brings the Advocate total for that church up to around 115 subscriptions sent in, and places Shreveport District well up in front in the Advocate campaign. We genuinely appreciate the loyalty of Dr. Dawson and his people.

Centenary College School of Music was recently made a provisional member of the National Association of Schools of Music. Application was made to the accrediting body last fall and an examiner made a survey of the school late in November. The report of the examiner and other data were the basis of the action.

Rev. J. B. Grambling, of Epworth Church, New Orleans, is the first to ring the bell in the Advocate campaign. His quota in full was turned in and paid for last week. That is not only a splendid achievement, but is also a great tribute to the industry and faithfulness of Brother Grambling.

Bishop Dobbs has been slightly ill from an attack of flu, but a letter from him to the editor received this morning indicates that his enforced leisure may be a precautionary measure and not because of any serious condition. We are glad to have such assurance and to pass it along to his many friends in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Rev. C. B. White, pastor at Hodge, has been quite distressed recently on account of the serious illness of his mother, and an attack of whooping cough afflicting his baby. We sincerely hope that the mother, who is still in a serious condition, may soon be improved, and that the baby may escape complications with its ailment.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is to preach at Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, on the morning of February 21, according to announcement carried in the church calendar. Bishop Oxnam was elected at the recent session of the General Conference of his Church and he will receive a cordial welcome from the ministers and Methodist people of the city.

The stewards at Leesville gave Rev. J. W. Faulk a raise in salary this year, the Church School attendance is the highest that it has been since Brother Faulk went to the charge, and he reports a good spirit prevailing and a good prospect for the year. We appreciate the good opinion of the people for the Advocate, and Brother Faulk's assurance that he expects to reach his quota again this year.

Rev. A. R. Hoffpauir reproaches us gently for not acknowledging his call at the Advocate office at the time of the Missionary Council, and we recognize our fault. The fact is that his card got misplaced and we did not know of his call. Brother Hoffpauir speaks very highly of Dr. Serex, the new presiding elder, and he is one of the good friends of the Advocate. We will not intentionally mistreat him.

Rev. L. C. Wilson, a superannuate of the Louisiana Conference, who finished out the year at Colfax and Montgomery last year, expresses his gratitude for the superannuate offering at Christmas. He is moving to Iuka, Miss., his address for the future. We commend Brother Wilson to the Methodists at Iuka. We do not know anywhere a purer or a better man and we commend him without reservation.

Rev. J. B. Grambling, pastor at Epworth Church, New Orleans, is to hold evangelistic services for a period of eighteen days beginning on Wednesday night after Easter. He will be assisted by the Tebo Gospel Trio, of Homer, N. Y. He and his people are making sacrificial efforts for carrying through their church program, and they are expecting great things in a spiritual way from their evangelistic services.

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will be the guest and the preacher for New Orleans Methodism from March 1 to 5. The services will be held at First Methodist Church beginning on Monday night, March 1, and each day following, at 10 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. through Friday. We regard Bishop Hughes as one of the greatest preachers of his Church and we bespeak for him a great hearing in New Orleans.

RUSTON DISTRICT NEWS

Ruston District had a news article in the Advocate last week, but things are happening so fast that it is necessary to let you know that we are trying to observe all special days and put on the whole program of the Church to advance His cause.

Brother Hoffpauir, our presiding elder, came by this morning and asked me to send a news article to the Advocate reminding all the Ruston District preachers that February 14, the second Sunday, is Memorial Mercy Home Day. We realize that the Louisiana Conference has set aside this day for a free-will offering to be taken for this worthy cause. May we not overlook this as one of the main interests of our Church program. Send your offering to Rev. J. G. Snelling, 815 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, La.

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The District Missionary Institute which was held in Haynesville, February 2, was a great success. The entire District was well represented. Dr. Russell's message was most inspiring; talks on the missionary enterprise and how to follow up the Bishops' Crusade were made by Dr. W. H. Wallace and Rev. Guy M. Hicks. A delightful hour of fellowship was enjoyed by all at noon time with a delicious chicken-spaghetti luncheon served by the ladies of the missionary society.

Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, our presiding elder, has set up a wonderful organization through which he is reaching every church in the District with some kind of a church service every Sunday in each month. There might be a few churches where this would conflict with other services, but in nearly every place this every Sunday service is being carried out.

The District Directors recently met and mapped out an extensive program embracing each division of the church. We had Rev. G. W. Dameron, Executive Extension Secretary, with us to help in planning the year's work.

The District has already raised approximately $500 or more on missions as a result of the Bishops' Crusade and the District Institute.

Our presiding elder is urging us to observe the program on evangelism as adopted by the Conference and to stress evangelism toward the realization of more additions on profession of faith.

C. B. WHITE, District Reporter.

MEMORIAL MERCY HOME

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—they are the universal symbol of unselfish love and devotion.

Praying Heaven's richest blessings upon you, I am,

HOYT M. DOBBS.

Board of Managers

The Board of Managers of the Memorial Mercy Home-Hospital desires to give its most earnest endorsement and hearty approval of the work our Church is conducting in the interest of unfortunate young women and their doubly unfortunate babies. We know that this work is bringing fruitful returns for the effort and expense the Church is investing. We sincerely urge each pastor to observe the day appointed, February 14, by our Conference, or some Sunday that may be more convenient, and we hope that each member of the church of the three supporting Conferences will want to make some contribution to this work of mercy.

Signed: V. C. Curtis, E. Nash Broyles, W. R. Lott, R. G. Moore, T. B. Thrower, C. A. Parks, Otto Porter, J. L. Sells, C. W. Wesley, W. D. Hawkins, B. L. Sutherland, J. V. Bennett, M. S. Monk, J. Richard Spann, J. W. Faulk, W. C. Scott, W. W. Holmes, Guy M. Hicks, J. J. Rasmussen.

It seems to me that our Memorial Mercy Hospital has in it almost every appeal that can be made to the human heart. There is the unfortunate girl, overwhelmed with shame, disgraced forever as she thinks. If her sin is made public she is ostracized and becomes an outcast and a woman of the street. The Memorial Mercy Hospital gives her a new chance to a new life. There is the home from which she comes, broken and sorrow-stricken and humiliated. The Memorial Mercy Hospital offers comfort and a way out. There is the little "worse than orphan baby." It bears a stain and stigma that society is slow to overlook. The Memorial Mercy Hospital finds a home for this little innocent baby where it is loved and trained and educated and prepared for a life of usefulness.

I believe Brother and Sister Snelling are called of God to lead the church in this Christlike ministry. They need the financial help of every church, and every church should have a part in the work. Next Sunday, the second Sunday in February, has been made "Memorial Mercy Hospital Day" by our three Conferences, at which time everyone is expected to make an offering.

W. W. HOLMES.

Alexandria District

A poet has imagined that when Jesus said, "Go and sin no more," the woman asked, "Master, where?" I commend the Memorial Mercy Home—the blessed answer to affrighted ones who now ask Christ's people, "Where?"

I have planned to get in touch with all the pastors in the District by letter and otherwise, urging them to present the work of the Home on Sunday after next, and report to me at once. I hope to have a perfect observance of the day.

R. H. HARPER, P. E.

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Baton Rouge District

I thoroughly agree with Dr. Stanley Jones when he says that Christianity is realism and not idealism. Nowhere does the message of Christ become more real than in this institution which gives a ray of hope to the broken lives and bleeding hearts of so many girls. Let every preacher on the Baton Rouge District do his best on February 14 for this worthy cause. I commend the work which is being done at the Memorial Mercy Home with all my heart.

J. HENRY BOWDON, P. E.

Lake Charles District

I know of no work that is more thoroughly Christian in character and aim than the work which Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Snelling are doing through the Memorial Mercy Home. They deserve the most liberal support.

BENJ. F. ROGERS, P. E.

Monroe District

In 1936 every charge of the Monroe District gave an offering to the Memorial Mercy Home-Hospital on the designated Sunday. The Home should have this year the co-operation and support of every church. We expect to do it again in this District.

H. L. JOHNS, P. E.

New Orleans District

I have the utmost confidence in and sympathy for the great work in the Memorial Mercy Home. You may count on one hundred per cent co-operation from the preachers and people making up the

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

A personal note to the editor from Rev. J. G. Galloway indicates that he is in his accustomed health and spirits, and we appreciate his fine spirit and friendship.

Rev. R. E. Case, pastor at Fannin, sends three subscriptions from his charge and assures us that he expects to get his quota in full, for all of which we are grateful.

The Meridian District ran a special train to Jackson for the meeting of the Bishops' Crusade last Friday. The train carried three hundred and ten representatives of the churches in that section, a splendid tribute to the interest and organizing ability of those who promoted the scheme.

Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Cammack wish to express through the columns of the Advocate their thanks to the Board of Finance for the Love Gift, and the three per cent quota. Brother Cammack is a superannuate and both he and his wife are otherwise afflicted, so the Christmas remembrance came at a time when it was most needed.

Rev. W. W. Murray, superannuate of the Mississippi Conference, says that he has been a subscriber for the Advocate since he was fourteen years old and that he likes it more and more as the years go by. Brother Murray has bought a place and is building him a house at Ellisville, Route 1, and he desires to make acknowledgment of the help which he received from the Christmas Superannuate Offering.

Rev. J. B. Cain, Yazoo City, writes that the Vicksburg District is the only one in the Conference that would be affected by a flood, and Anguilla, Rolling Fork, Mayersville, Silver City, and Louise charges lie wholly in the Delta. One church each on Eden, Satartia and Yazoo City charges are in the path of a possible high water. There is considerable uneasiness, but little water as yet, no panic at all, and preparations have been made for refugee camps at Yazoo City, Vicksburg and Natchez, should such be needed.

The death of Rev. W. B. Hogg at his home in California, in the latter part of January, resulted from a chronic trouble for the relief of which he had submitted to a series of operations, but without avail. His wife, who was Miss Vergie Marshall of Brookhaven, and several children survive him. Brother Hogg had a unique and colorful career and his was an ingratiating personality. At different times, he was school teacher, pastor, army chaplain in France, lecturer, evangelist, and radio entertainer. At the time of his death, he was directing a group of radio performers in which he took the role of Josiah Hopkins, the Goose Creek Parson. Interment was at his California home.

MEMORIAL MERCY HOME

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New Orleans District. I think we could not better invest our energy and our prayers than by helping to bring this great institution into an even larger usefulness. To that end I pledge my prayers and efforts.

ELMER C. GUNN, P. E.

Shreveport District

The Memorial Mercy Home is the Christian answer to the age-long wrong which puts all the blame of sin upon the woman, and leaves her alone to bear the burden and the disgrace of wrong-doing. The Christian, therefore, cannot remain indifferent to the Memorial Mercy Home and its work, and, I am sure, will support this cause.

ADRIAN M. SEREX, P. E.

Brookhaven District—It gives me great pleasure to endorse the work of the Memorial Mercy Home in New Orleans. More than once in my ministry this institution brought comfort and hope to families on my charge.

R. H. CLEGG, P. E.

Hattiesburg District—I have recently lived a near neighbor to New Orleans and know the work of the Memorial Mercy Home personally. I commend this institution to the people of the Hattiesburg District for their liberal financial support.

W. B. ALSWORTH, P. E.

Jackson District—No work the Church is engaged in is more in keeping with the spirit of the Master and the real purpose of the Church than the work of the Memorial Mercy Home. It deserves and should have the interest and support of all our people.

T. M. BROWNLEE, P. E.

Meridian District—It occurs to me that it would be hard to find an enterprise of our Church that is more important and worthy of our best efforts and most liberal support than the Memorial Mercy Home-Hospital.

W. B. JONES, P. E.

Seashore District—It is a distinct pleasure to bear testimony to the fine service being rendered by our Church in the interest of the group of unfortunate girls and young women who come to us in the hour of their distress. I seriously doubt if, in the homeland or in the foreign fields, a greater piece of work is being done.

L. J. POWER, P.E.

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THE SALARY QUESTION

By M. H. McCormack, Jr.

From all sides we hear discussions of the question of uniform salaries for Methodist pastors. There are some who seem to believe that uniform salaries for pastors throughout the Church would increase the efficiency of our organization, and remove what seems to be an arbitrary discrimination among various classes of ministers.

That there should be some adjustment in the various levels of ministerial support is most evident, but to seek to meet this problem with a uniform salary scale for all charges would most certainly aggravate rather than solve it. This is true for the simple reason that for a uniform salary to be equitable there would, of necessity, have to be a uniformity of men and tasks. Well do we know that every minister is different from every other minister in his needs, his responsibility, his ability, and his effectiveness, and at the same time every charge is different in its demands and resources from every other charge.

The goal we need to seek in this matter is not **uniformity, but equity.** There is a great need throughout our Church for equitable salaries for all ministers. There are very few, if any, instances where a pastor is paid too much. No problem exists at this point. There are multiplied hundreds of cases where the pastor is seriously underpaid, and still others where he is disastrously un-paid. And since the writer is far from being in either of these positions, he feels free to discuss them.

Fundamentally, of course, the matter of pastor's salary is the responsibility of the local charge, but it is nevertheless the deep concern of the Church as a whole. When we see gross injustice existing on every side of us in this matter, we cannot restrain our feelings. It would be a disgraceful reflection upon the intelligence and character of Southern Methodism to assume that nothing can be done about it. Certainly something can be done! It would be far from a strain upon so great a Church as ours to tackle and solve this important problem in almost a fortnight.

The first step would be to segregate those charges reporting a salary under, say, $1,200 per annum, and make an individual study of each particular case to determine if there are considerations other than cash to offset the difference between the minimum salary a minister should receive and what the charge has actually paid. In many cases it would be found that the actual cash reported as received on salary lacks a great deal of being everything that the charge contributes toward the support of the ministry, but there are also cases where this is not true. In either event the facts must be known before equity can be attained.

Then, where it is ascertained that a certain charge is, after all considerations have been taken into account, paying its minister less than a living salary, the next step would be to find the reason for such a state of affairs. It would be found in some cases that the people are actually unable to pay a minister a living salary, but such cases are few and far between. However, in such cases, where it is definitely established that the charge is not able to pay its minister enough to live on, this charge should be placed under the care of the Conference Board of Missions, which would supplement the amount paid by the charge, bringing it up to the minimum.

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In most cases it would be found that the defaulting charge is simply reneging its duty. I have in mind one particular "hill circuit" that has for years paid its pastor less than $50 per month, and yet has within its membership a large number of reasonably wealthy families. To this charge the Conference Board of Missions has made an annual appropriation of $200 for many years. In such cases every intelligent effort should be made by the proper authorities to educate the charge into doing its obvious duty in this respect. In most cases this would result in a remarkable response, provided the right methods were used. In the few cases where every spiritually-minded leader who tackled the problem failed to get the co-operation of the charge, the faithful members should be separated from the others, placed under the care of the Board of Missions, and the remainder left to look elsewhere for pastoral service.

The writer is of the opinion that if the leaders of our Church, especially those of the Annual Conferences, made an honest and sincere effort to solve this problem of adequate support for all pastors. they would immediately receive the whole-hearted co-operation of the laity, and the stronger churches would provide greater resources for the Conference Board of Missions, even enough to "swing" such a program.

An axiom peculiar to Methodism is that "every church has a pastor, and every pastor has a church." We can and should add to this that every pastor has a living salary and every church meets its financial obligations.

All that is needed is an intense, intelligent effort permeated by a prayerful, spiritual motive.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst by death, our dearly loved friend and coworker in the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. C. J. Willette; and

Whereas, we shall miss her from her accustomed place in the society she loved and to which she gave faithful service, giving always a cheerful and prompt response to every call for duty as long as her health permitted; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Court Street Missionary Society, of Court Street Methodist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., bowing in humble submission to the Divine will, desire to tender to her family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement and to commend them to the unfailing grace and help of God, who is the source of all strength and grace.

Resolved, That we instruct the secretary to send a copy of these resolutions to the loved ones in her home, one to the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and that a copy be kept in the minutes of our society.

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. W. I. Henley and his people at Minter City expected to complete the payment of a debt of long standing by February 1. We are sure that the day of its payment in full will mark a period of rejoicing.

Rev. Paul N. Propst, of the North Alabama Conference, did a doubly beautiful thing recently by making his mother, of Columbus, Miss., a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society as a birthday present.

Rev. Roy Grisham and Rev. L. P. Wasson, the presiding elder, have been holding a series of Christian Education Institutes in the Columbus District recently. Louisville, Starkville and Sallis were the centers visited.

Rev. A. Y. Brown, Ackerman, has been named as Advocate reporter for the Columbus District, and he asks that he be advised of happenings in the District so that he may help the Advocate to serve that section.

Rev. W. R. Lott, pastor at Oxford, writes that he is pleased with the new set-up of the Advocate, and that he believes that it has genuine merit. That is an appearance which we hope to fully justify in the months ahead.

The church at Ackerman has just completed some repairs and decorations which add much to the attractiveness of the building. The outlay was mostly for paint, plaster and circulating heaters. Rev. A. Y. Brown is the pastor.

Rev. E. R. Smoot, one of the very popular preachers of the Conference, is sustaining his record for popularity at Louisville. His parishioners speak of him in much the same enthusiastic manner as New Dealers speak of President Roosevelt.

The Sunflower charge, composed of Sunflower, Blaine and Fairview churches, completed its charge organization by electing Mr. T. C. Sledge chairman of the Charge Board, and Mr. Eugene Fisackerly, secretary. Best of all, the organization is really functioning.

Rev. E. M. Allen, who was transferred from the Mississippi Conference, was stationed at Chester and is making a very favorable impression on the people. He has been greatly handicapped by almost impassable roads, and he has been able to reach only six appointments since Conference.

Rev. W. L. Broome, once a member of the North Mississippi Conference, is now presiding elder of the Lawton District, Oklahoma Conference. He says that his fourth year begins well, but that they have had neither rain nor snow in the western part of the District and wheat and oats are almost dead.

Rev. T. E. Gregory, pastor at Kosciusko, is reported to have been fishing in Florida recently, but we are not informed as to what he was fishing for. After the fine job of Conference entertainment and the promotion of Methodist interests in that goodly little city, it is not necessary to explain his well-earned vacation.

Rev. W. T. Phillips, writing from his charge at Lula, reports that he is at his post, but that fifty per cent of the women and children have gone to the hills. Mrs. Phillips is in the hills with her people. He says that there are many sand boils near the levee, but no water in Lula. There are a few cases of flu and pneumonia.

Rev. J. R. Countiss, presiding elder of the Greenville District, says: "The radio flood has frightened a lot of people who knew no better than to look to the Potomac for news about the Mississippi. The waters have wrought havoc above us, but will probably do no material damage here, barring further rains, especially in the western tributaries."

The Board of Stewards of Greenwood church is planning for a monthly luncheon meeting. Hon. H. T. Odom is the chairman and A. N. Williamson is secretary and treasurer. P. L. Deloach is chairman of the Finance Committee, and M. F. Pierce, associate District Leader, is charge Lay Leader. The Board is composed of thirty-eight business and professional men.

Dr. A. T. McIlwain, presiding elder of Greenwood District, writes that the Retreat planned for the District has been postponed on account of the confusion caused by the fear of high water. He says that the only point where there is water interference is at Glendora, where the church building is surrounded by water. It was not expected that the water would reach the floor of the building.

The passing of Judge W. W. Magruder at Starkville last week will bring sorrow to a wide circle of friends throughout Mississippi. He had been ill for a short time, but it appears that his going was rather sudden and unexpected. In the death of Judge Magruder, a number of public interests will experience a sense of bereavement. Starkville Methodism has lost a dependable leader, the bench and bar of Mississippi has lost an able and a discriminating jurist, and the state has lost a worthy and upstanding citizen—scion of one of its noblest and best beloved families.

Mrs. S. L. Pope, whose husband was a member of the North Mississippi Conference at the time of his translation, is now living at Route 1, Weslaco, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley. She has just returned from a six-months' visit to her daughter in Johnson City, Tenn., where she left a fine two-months old grandson, Lewis Pope Wexler. She sends us also a copy of "A Lady and a Lone Star Flag," by Henry David Pope, of San Angelo, Texas. The book was written for the Texas Centennial and it details a story of Joanna Elizabeth Troutman Pope, grandmother of Rev. S. L. Pope who was memorialized in the Hall of State last fall. At a later time we shall be glad to give it a review in the Advocate.

MEMORIAL MERCY HOME

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Aberdeen District—I do myself an honor when I thus endorse the Memorial Mercy Home-Hospital. Its work is truly in the spirit of our Master, and speaks out the fact that Jesus of Nazareth came this way.

W. P. BUHRMAN, P. E.

Corinth District—I desire to endorse the wonderful work of mercy done at the Memorial Mercy Home. While one of the District Directors of that institution, it was my privilege to visit the Home and really see what was going on. To see is to be convinced of its worth. I want to urge that the pastors in the Corinth District take an offering the second Sunday in February for the Memorial Mercy Home as was ordered by our last Annual Conference.

J. D. WROTEN, P. E.

Greenwood District—"Go thy way and sin no more," said Jesus—the gospel of "Another Chance." The Memorial Mercy Home is this gospel in action, rendering a much needed service that no other institution of our Church can render.

A. T. McILWAIN, P. E.

Sardis-Grenada District—There is no finer type of work being done by our Church today than providing a home with wholesome Christian influence where young women, victims of misplaced confidence, may have another chance. I endorse this work whole-heartedly and pledge my support.

C. T. FLOYD, P. E.

Columbus District—I have been very busy and away from home a good deal of late and failed to send my word to you about the Memorial Mercy Home. I hope I am not too late. Surely no work of the Church is closer to the heart of the Master or manifests His spirit more clearly. Dr. Snelling and his helpers are peculiarly adapted for this delicate task.

L. P. WASSON, P. E.

Greenville District—The Memorial Mercy Home has my cordial endorsement, and I heartily commend it to our people for their generous support. The Church has no nobler work than the rescue of those whom the world has crushed, and who would otherwise become both a social liability and menace.

J. R. COUNTISS, P. E.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

By A. L. Gilmore, Reporter

Evidence of the progress of the Bishops' Crusade was visible to the 175 representatives of the churches of the Lake Charles District as they met in Lake Charles on January 29 for the District Missionary Institute. Under the direction of presiding elder Benjamin F. Rogers, the Institute grew in spiritual enthusiasm throughout the day as the several speakers presented their messages. The session was opened with a devotional led by Rev. D. B. Boddie. This was followed by a stirring address by Dr. R. L. Russell, formerly secretary of the General Board of Missions and now a member of the North Georgia Conference. The speaker challenged those present to put first things first in the Church's approach to the present crisis. This was followed by an address on "Evangelism," by Rev. W. H. Wallace, Jr., pastor of First Church, New Orleans. The spirit of the morning messages was given a pragmatic turn in the presentation of the great purpose of the Bishops' Crusade, which was ably explained by Dr. W. L. Doss, Jr., pastor-host.

During the luncheon, which was served by ladies of the Lake Charles church, the guests were again privileged to hear Rev. W. H. Wallace. Following lunch the meeting lost none of the momentum of the inspiring program. The addresses were as follows: "Our Women and Missions," by Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., secretary of the District W. M. S.; "Missions and Benevolences," by S. H. Porter, District lay leader; "Missionary Education," by G. W. Dameron, Executive Extension Secretary, Louisiana Conference; a round table discussion, "How to Have a School of Missions," led by A. S. Lutz; "By the Waters of Bethesda," by W. H. Wallace, Jr.; and "A Survey of Our Task," by Benj. F. Rogers. The evidence of increased activity and the spirit of Christian enthusiasm manifest would seem to point to an even greater year of service in this district for 1937.

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Aberdeen Dist.—Second Round

Houlka, at Wesley Chapel, Feb. 7, afternoon.
Coffeeville, at Coffeeville, Feb. 28, 11 a.m.
Water Valley, Main St., at Main St., Feb. 28, 7 p.m.
Shannon, at Brewer, Mar. 2.
Algoma, at Ebenezer, Mar. 3.
Nettleton, at New Chapel, Mar. 4.
Becker, at Tranquil, Mar. 5.
Prairie and Strongs, at Strongs, Mar. 7, 11 a.m.
Greenwood Springs, at Greenwood Springs, Mar. 9.
Buena Vista, at Buena Vista, Mar .10.
Verona, at Plantersville, Mar. 14, morning and afternoon.
Calhoun City, Mar. 14, 7 p.m.
Toccopola, at Price Memorial, Mar. 16.
Tupelo, Mar. 21, 11 a.m. and afternoon.
Tremont, at Asbury, Mar. 23.
Houston, Mar. 21, 7 p.m.
Fulton, at Friendship, Mar. 24.
Amory, Mar. 28, 11 a.m. and afternoon.
Aberdeen, Mar. 28, 7 p.m.
Randolph, at Sarepta, Mar. 30.
Salem and Friendship, at Sand Springs, Mar. 31.
Smithville, at New Bethel, Apr. 4, 11 a.m. and afternoon.
Okolona, Apr. 4, 7 p.m.
Derma, at Derma, Apr. 6.
Woodland, at Prospect, Apr. 10, afternoon.
Mathiston, at Mathiston, Apr. 11, afternoon and 7 p.m.
Vardaman, at Pyland, Apr. 18, 11 a.m.
Pittsboro and Bruce, at Pittsboro, Apr. 18, 7 p.m.
Bellefontaine, at Walthall, Apr. 20.
Eupora, at Eupora, Apr. 21.
Pontotoc, Apr. 28, 7 p.m.
Paris, at Pine Flat, May 2, 11 a.m.
Water Valley, First Church, May 3, 7 p.m.
Missionary Institute, at Pontotoc, Mar. 17, 9:30 a.m.

W. P. BUHRMAN, P. E.

Greenwood Dist.—Second Round

Lexington, Feb. 21, a.m.
Greenwood, First Church, Feb. 22, p.m.
Inverness and Isola, at Isola, Feb. 28, a.m.
Belzoni, Feb. 28, p.m.
Schlater and Cruger, at Cruger, Mar. 7, a.m.
Acona, at Acona, Mar. 14, a.m.
Carrollton, at McCarley, Mar. 14, p.m.
Greenwood, Price Memorial, Mar. 15, p.m.
Duck Hill, at Alva, Mar. 16, p.m.
Moorhead, Mar. 17, p.m.
Ebenezer, at Ebenezer, Mar. 18.
Poplar Creek, at Poplar Springs, Mar. 20.
Kilmichael, at Kilmichael, Mar. 21, a.m.
Winona Station, Mar. 21, p.m.
Black Hawk, at Coila, Mar. 28, all day.
Webb and Sumner, at Sumner, Apr. 4, a.m.
Ruleville and Doddsville, Apr. 4, p.m.
Itta Bena, Apr. 14, p.m.
Minter City, at Minter City, Apr. 18, a.m.
Drew, Apr. 18, p.m.
Tutwiler, Apr. 20, p.m.
Sunflower, at Blaine, Apr. 23, night.
Swiftown, at Morgan City, Apr. 25, a.m.
Tchula, Apr. 25, p.m.
Winona Circuit, at Columbiana, May 2, a.m.
Valden and West, at West, May 2, p.m.

Preaching dates: Greenwood, First Church, Feb. 14, a.m.; Price Memorial, Feb. 14, p.m.; Moorhead, Feb. 7, a.m.; Itta Bena, Feb. 7, p.m. District Stewards' Institute, at Greenwood, Mar. 7, 8, 9. District Educational Institutes, Apr. 13-16. District Missionary Institute, at Greenwood, Mar. 10.

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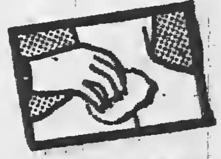

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, FEBRUARY 14

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Words descriptive of God carry implications of supremacy and moral excellence. They arise from the customs and ideals of the age which gives them birth. They range from Creator through Judge, King, Shepherd to the finality of authority and tenderness comprised in Father. One does not need to be told that the Shepherd concept came to us from a pastoral people. It was sung by David and emphasized by Jesus. It has been remembered always and is dear to the heart of Jew and Christian alike. It is fitting that Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd, the guide, protector, and provider for the flock. He knows where waters are still and pastures are green. His is the responsibility and loving care of ownership. The hireling may desert the flock and flee in the face of danger, but the shepherd remains to defend. The Pharisees must have noted this contrast as a reference to their own callousness to the need of the blind and their scrupulous care as to the sanctity of their traditions of the Sabbath on which he was healed. Under another metaphor, Jesus is the door by which the sheep pass in for protection and out for pasturage. Only impostors bent on mischief seek irregular entrance to the fold.

The fold is the church, primarily a place for the shelter of the sheep, including not only the strong and mature, but the ailing and the lambs. It is also headquarters for those who seek out lost sheep and hasten to the relief of those in distress. It is a poor and unworthy church that does no more than shelter those who may voluntarily seek its fellowship. The Pharisees did that, and would have been well content had all Jews been suitably cared for, but Jesus had "other sheep." It is not enough that our church has reached Americans, or Caucasians, or landlords, or capitalists. The Master's sheep embrace all races and classes. They must be sought and saved if we are to be other than hirelings in the churches. Jesus taught a universal Fatherhood and brought a gospel of universal brotherhood, suited to universal needs.

"Like sheep" is often used as a term of reproach, and men pride themselves on an independent individualism utterly unlike that of a flock. They boast of a freedom they do not have. Disdaining the direction of the Good Shepherd, they are nevertheless slaves—slaves to party, to clan, to appetite, to passion, to sin. Faith in God does not mean the surrender of activity. It is our part to do; it is God's to direct. The Good Shepherd directs his followers always for their own greatest good and freedom. The wild sheep may boast that he goes unshorn, but he must also acknowledge that he is unfed, unguarded, and unsheltered, often the victim of his own folly, even when he escapes the stealthy wolf or the prowling bear. More than all else, Jesus protects men against their own spiritual enemies, selfishness, self-will, lust, avarice, covetousness, greed. He shows them the way of peace and good will, of godliness. He knows his own and is known of them. They hear his voice and do his will.

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AMERICAN BOY

What we have a right to expect of the American boy is that he shall turn out to be a good American man. The boy can best become a good man by being a good boy—not a goody-goody boy, but just a plain good boy. I do not mean that he must love only the negative virtues; I mean that he must love the positive virtues also.

"Good," in the largest sense, should include whatever is fine, straight, forward, clean, brave, and manly. The best boys I know—the best men I know—are good at their studies or their business, fearless and stalwart, hated and feared by all that is wicked and depraved, incapable of submitting to wrongdoing, and equally incapable of being aught but tender to the weak and helpless. Of course the effect that a thoroughly manly, thoroughly straight and upright boy can have upon the companions of his own age, and upon those who are younger is incalculable. If he is not thoroughly manly, then they will not respect him, and his good qualities will count for but little; while, of course, if he is mean, cruel, or wicked, then his physical strength and force of mind merely make him so much the more objectionable a member of society. He cannot do good work if he is not strong and does not try with his whole heart and soul to count in any contest; and his strength will be a curse to himself and to every one else if he does not have a thorough command over himself and over his own evil passions, and if he does not use his strength on the side of decency, justice, and fair dealing.

In short, in life, as in a football game, the principle to follow is: Hit the line hard; don't foul and don't shirk, but hit the line hard.—Theodore Roosevelt.

A CHILD'S FAITH

This story comes to us from a friend in response to our appeal for making the Christian Fireside page interesting and helpful.

A small boy asked his father for a little gun, which was ordered from another city. When the gun arrived his grandfather was to go with him to town to get it, but when the time came to go it was raining very hard and the child was very much disappointed.

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MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Stanley Wilson,
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The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Mississippi Conference met in session at Galloway Memorial Church, Jackson, January 22, at 9 a. m. All officers were present except Miss Ella Wayne Ormond, president; and Miss Mary V. Weems, treasurer. All district secretaries were present.

The meeting was called to order and a brief devotional, stressing the need of peace in the world and in our own hearts, was led by the vice-president, Mrs. Gordon Patton.

Informal reports and plans for the new year were given by each officer.

The secretary, Mrs. C. C. McDonald, read a letter from Miss Ormond, in which she stated that having been ill since June, on her physician's advice she was resigning her place as president. She expressed her love for the work and interest in the Mississippi Conference. It was with deep regret that her resignation was accepted. Mrs. Patton will serve as president until the Conference meeting in April.

The vice-president, who is also Spiritual Life leader, said that spiritual cultivation cannot be counted in numbers. There is no set plan, time or program for these "groups," each auxiliary must work out its own plan. During the next six weeks we have been asked to pray especially for the Bishops' Crusade.

The Conference secretary, Mrs. Paul Arrington, spoke of the splendid work done by each district secretary, also of the perfect co-operation among them. She reported 222 auxiliaries with 5645 members. She stressed "keeping the missionary society missionary" and expressed the hope that auxiliaries would not let local work overshadow their missionary work during 1937.

The Conference secretary read the report of the treasurer, Miss Mary V. Weems. For the first time since 1929 the Mississippi Conference reached its financial goal. The following amounts, for all purposes, were contributed. Brookhaven District, $3,493.92; Hattiesburg District, $3,081.72; Jackson District, $5,028.88; Meridian District, $3,012.34; Seashore District, $2,727.64; Vicksburg District, $3,816.25; Total, $21,160.75.

The secretary of Young Women, Mrs. Homer Frizelle, spoke encouragingly of the enlistment of young women in the work. The Conference has one young woman who is ready to go to Scarritt College in September if she is accepted by Council. At this time, as Scarritt College representative, Mrs. Frizelle spoke of our small number of associate members.

The secretary of children, Mrs. C. C. Clark, reported a marked increase in interest in Friendship units. Auxiliaries are requested to urge their church school treasurer to send the fourth Sunday offering to Mr. J. T. Calhoun, Millsaps Building, Jackson, Miss., who is treasurer of the Board of Christian Education. This is the missionary offering, eight per cent of which is credited to our children.

The superintendent of study, Mrs. W. F. Mahaffey, stated that the Mississippi Conference has risen from a place near the bottom of the list to second place in Mission Study. North Carolina leads. She urged that auxiliaries select mission and Bible Study books from the Council accredited list. There has been some confusion about the study of "By the Waters of Bethesda," by Dr. J. M. Ormond. Our Council secretary, Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, writes: "Our regular spring study in Woman's Missionary Societies is on Africa, and we do not want to miss that. I am expecting missionary women to assist in the church program and have the study on Africa in the missionary society, also; the use of Dr. Ormond's book as an exclusive woman's missionary society study class will NOT meet a requirement on the Efficiency Aim. To meet that requirement it must be studied in a bonafide class of church members, men and women, under the guidance of the pastor." The dates of the Pastors' School, at Biloxi, are June 21-26, and all study leaders are urged to attend.

The Superintendent of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Carl Craig, said the inter-racial study made by the adults and children during 1936 stimulated that work in her department. She urged a study of industrial relations. The W. C. T. U. Temperance Education Plan, presented by Mrs. R. L. Ezelle, was endorsed, as it follows a recommendation made by our committee last April.

The Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. John Boone, stated that because of failure of auxiliaries to report to her accurately, the district secretaries reported $1370.58 more in supplies sent Council institutions than reported to her. Boxes sent to the Orphanage are not supplies.

The Superintendent of Publicity and World Outlook, Mrs. Stanley Wilson reported the Bulletin mailed each month, but only a third of the auxiliaries reporting. World Outlook Sunday is to be observed February 14. Our Conference goal for 1937 is 1200 subscriptions.

Mrs. B. F. Lewis, historian, stated that our files are complete.

The District secretaries reported as follows: Brookhaven, Mrs. A. S. Oliver; Hattiesburg, Mrs. R. E. Rollings; Jackson, Mrs. Norman Taylor; Meridian, Mrs. D. L. St. John; Seashore, Mrs. J. L. Power; Vicksburg, Mrs. T. H. Fore. Brookhaven, Hattiesburg and Vicksburg Districts reported 100 per cent reports from auxiliaries the fourth quarter. As their financial goal for 1937, each secretary assumed the amount paid by her district in 1936. Since a large part was paid with life memberships and special funds, we must begin 1937 with the in-

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Alternates were elected to Council which meets in Columbia, S. C., March 9-15, 1937. For Mrs. Patton, Mrs. W. F. Mahaffey; for Mrs. Arrington, Mrs. C. C. McDonald.

Messages of love and interest were received from our former president, Mrs. T. B. Cottrell, who is in Indianola, Miss., and from Miss Mathilde Killingsworth, our youngest missionary daughter, whose address is 5 Park Road, Soochow, China.

During the day Mrs. E. H. Galloway, our former treasurer, and Mrs. Eurie M. Weston, formerly superintendent of Christian Social Relations, were in the meeting.

Hint to Auxiliaries

Cut out the above report and paste in your year book. Refer to it during the year.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss

Has your budget been made? And, what is just as important, has your pledge been sent to your District Secretary? Your Council representatives, in a month, will be getting off to Council. A part of their preparation is knowing what you are pledging so that they can estimate your Council pledge. Send in the amounts you expect to pay to Membership, Scarritt, Rural Work, and Sally Evans as soon as you read this, if you have not already done so.

Clip out this February Program of Work, pin it in your Year Book and read it before every meeting.

February Program of Work

1. Remind pastor of World Outlook Sunday.
2. Make special effort to secure Octagon coupons.
3. Report of effort to organize young women and business women.
4. Begin study of new book in Spiritual Life Group.
5. Bible study.
6. Outlook program and Bulletin.
7. Pledges paid in full for the month.

Zone Meeting

The first quarterly zone meeting of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society, Corinth zone, was held at Rienzi, Miss., January 26, 1937, at one o'clock. There were about forty people present and a splendid program was given under the leadership of Mrs. Hugh Hopper, our very efficient zone chairman. All of the societies are accomplishing much and doing great things under her leadership.

The following ministers were present and made short inspirational talks: Rev. J. D. Wroten, presiding elder of the Corinth District; Rev. E. H. Cunningham, Corinth First Church; Rev. A. M. West, Kossuth; Rev. Huntley C. Lewis, Rienzi; and Rev. B. P. Fullilove, superannuate.

After the adjournment the ladies of the Rienzi Missionary Society served a delicious plate. The next zone meeting is to be held in April at Box C Chapel some time after the Annual Conference is held at Aberdeen.

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Mrs. Butera writes most interestingly of the work being done at Columbus First Church. She has been reading the Advocate, for she comments on the fine work of the Como group. The reason that our Conference pledge has been paid along with two specials is found in just such work as this report brings:

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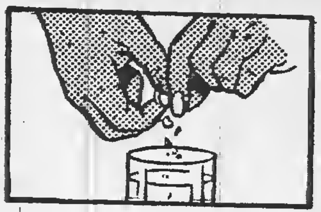
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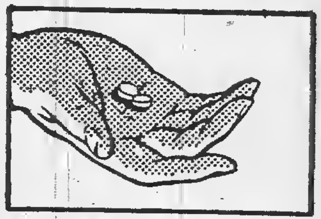
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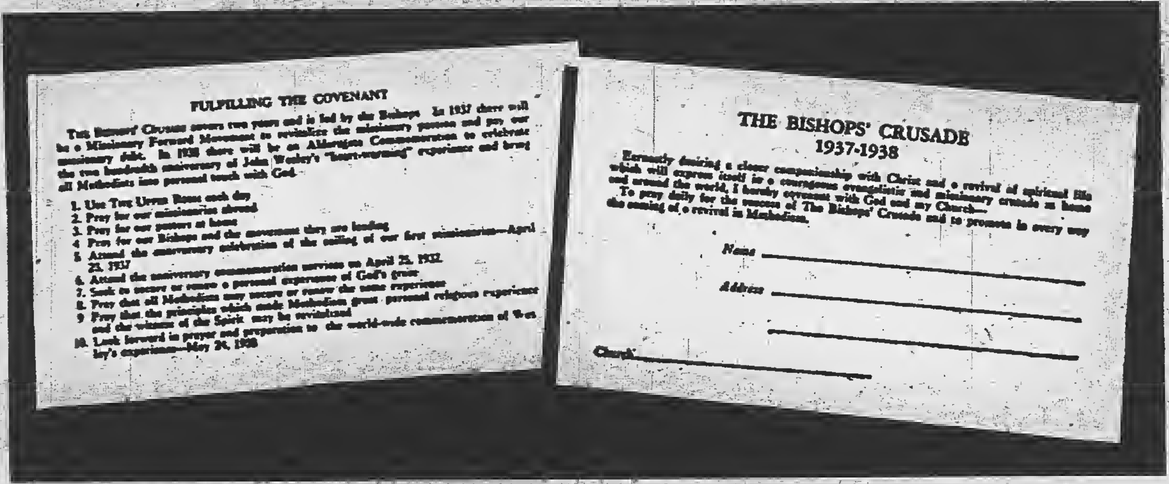
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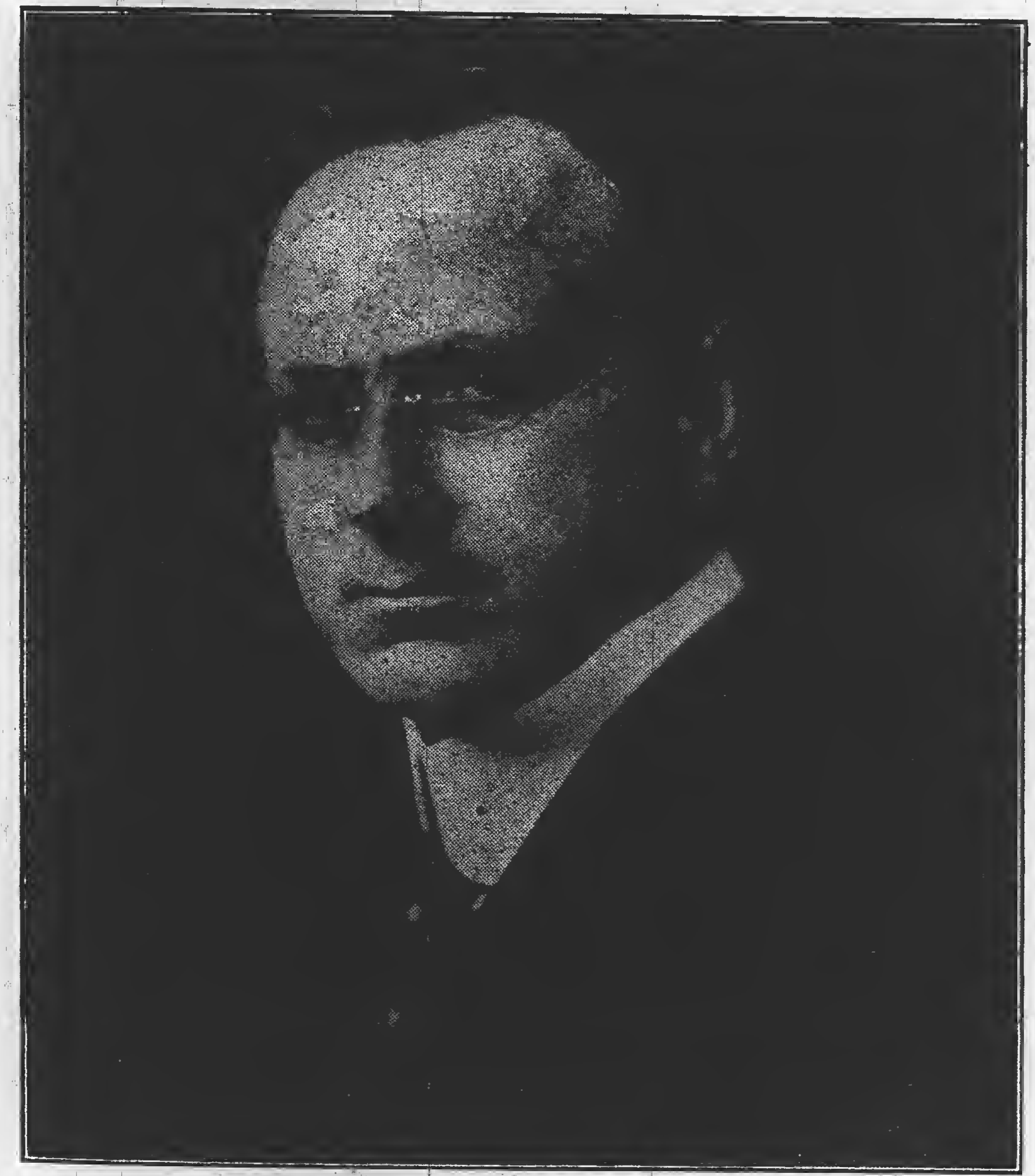

EDWIN DuBOSE MOUZON
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Wallet of the Week

THE FAMOUS JONKER DIAMOND has been cut into twelve stones and is now being offered for sale by a New York establishment. In its original form it weighed seven hundred and twenty-six carats and cost approximately three hundred thousand dollars. The twelve stones of varying sizes, into which it was cut, weigh three hundred and seventy-five carats, and their estimated value is two million dollars. Nearly half the weight was lost in cutting and polishing, and the value of the new stones, although all of them were contained in the original, is more than six times the cost of the original.

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A REVIVAL OF SUN WORSHIP, a religion as old as the history of the race, occurred when a group of men and women gathered on the top of a mountain in Hungary recently. Under the direction of self-appointed priests, they kindled sacred fires in honor of the sun, and chanted hymns to the almost forgotten deities of the ancient Huns. The priests then took a little child, cut two gashes in its cheek and named him Arpad, the name of the founder of the Hung dynasty, and called upon the parents of the child to protect him from the evils of the Christian faith.

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CHINA'S ATTACK UPON ILLITERACY is the scheme of the Central Government for bringing about the unification and promoting the progress of the Celestial Empire. It is estimated that ninety per cent of the population is illiterate, at least two hundred million. The plan proposes mass education by means of radio and the films. A corps of trained motion-picture operators will carry into every village a message of science, public health, industry, sport, civic virtue, and the history of China. That will be reenforced by a radio broadcasting station for every dialect spoken by the people.

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GAS MASKS FOR BABIES is one of the latest devices for counteracting the brutalities and the insane horrors of war. It is reported that thirty million gas masks are to be distributed in the British Isles. Aside from all question as to the expense, inconvenience, and the practical utility of such against gas bombs, it ought to shame even a barbarian war lord to think of contributing to a Mardi Gras civilization. The grotesque spectacle of a parade of romper-clad, masked babies crawling through the streets of London would not reflect credit upon the morals of a Hottentot or the courage of a rabbit.

CHIEF JUSTICE HUGHES, of the United States Supreme Court, is the son of a Welsh Baptist minister. His father, Rev. David Hughes, was a native of Tredagar, Monmouthshire, and he left Wales in the "fifties" for America. Charles Evan Hughes was born in 1862, is a graduate of Brown University, and studied law while earning his living as a school teacher. He has been the recipient of many honors, among them the election as Judge of the Permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague. He still has connections in the Baptist ministry of Wales.

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INDIA'S UNTOUCHABLES number seventy-two millions, or one-fifth of the entire population, according to a statement made by **World Dominion,** a missionary periodical published in London. It is said that several millions of the "Untouchables" have recently requested Christian instruction, and that ninety per cent of the present membership of the Christian churches come from that class. In India, as in Palestine two thousand years ago, it might be asked: "Have any of the great believed?" Out of India in the twentieth century may come another example of God's choosing the weak things of the world to confound the mighty.

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AT THE BUENOS AIRES CONFERENCE, Dr. Samuel Guy Inman was asked to act as special adviser to the United States delegation. Dr. Inman is an outstanding missionary to South America and for twenty years executive secretary of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America. Both Dr. J. W. Lambuth and Dr. Young J. Allen did similar duty in the Orient, and the employment of such men is proof both of their character and of their ability to render valuable service in the interpretation and solution of international problems. It is also a tribute to the sincerity of purpose on the part of the government which chooses such aides.

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EDITORIAL

BISHOP EDWIN DUBOSE MOUZON

The entire Church was greatly shocked by the announcement of the death of Bishop Mouzon which occurred at his home in Charlotte, N. C., late Wednesday afternoon of last week. He was seated at his fireside conversing with Mrs. Mouzon and Dr. and Mrs. Weaver, Dr. Weaver being the pastor of the Bishop's home church. Death came suddenly and apparently without warning or premonition. Bishop Mouzon was born in Spartanburg, S. C., May 19, 1869, he was received into the South Carolina Conference in 1889 and was transferred immediately to Texas. He was elected Bishop at Asheville, N. C., May 17, 1910—just two days before he had completed his forty-first year of life. Of the seven Bishops elected at Asheville, only Bishop Collins Denny, now retired, survives. Bishop Mouzon was first married to Miss Mary E. Mike of Bryan, Texas, who died in 1917. In 1919, he married Mrs. Mary Pearl Langdon of Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Mouzon, two daughters and two sons survive. Only one daughter of the children, all by the first marriage, preceded him in death.

For twenty-eight years, Bishop Mouzon has borne an important part in every movement of the Church. When he met the angels he had just returned from a strenuous campaign for the Bishops' Crusade. He was President of the General Board of Christian Education of his Church. He was often our trusted ambassador upon important missions. We believe that it is no disparagement of others to say that he was probably the greatest preacher in the College of Bishops. In 1929 his ability was recognized in his selection to deliver the Yale Lectures on Preaching—the only instance of that honor coming to a minister of the Southern Methodist Church.

Bishop Mouzon's death at this time is a great blow to the Church, in that it will further impair the effectiveness of the episcopacy which was already staggering under an excessive burden of administration. A pillar of strength has been suddenly snatched away. Our Methodist Zion mourns for a leader who has fallen out of the ranks and who will not return. It rejoices, however, for the record of a Christian soldier who was faithful and unafraid. The Crusader has returned to go no more out to the conquest, he left no stain upon his shield, and his portfolio of administration bears a record worthy at once of the man and his Church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Joseph Addison wrote: "What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to a human soul." Although Addison used the term "soul," his conception of education was clearly that of an aesthetic, a revelatory, and a mechanical process. The description by the distinguished creator of **The Spectator**, two hundred and twenty-five years ago, might not be accepted as sufficiently inclusive as a definition of the educational task, but it is probably as near to the truth as the definition, unformulated, but implied in the position of the Christian Church touching that same matter today. To be sure, the Church adds the qualifying label, "Christian," but practically it is the same cultural process which Addison had in mind in his summary of the values of education. It is, we believe, a serious fault of our emphasis of the educational process to assume that it makes any interior change in life—that it revolutionizes the psychic nature of man. It is manifestly true that the grace of any type of culture will be expressed through the chiselling of the sculptor, but it is nevertheless a grace of adornment, not of newly created virtue. If our educational program is to serve the most wholesome ends in shaping the lives of men, its external and aesthetic quality is a differentiation which we must keep in view. Within its own sphere, it has creative and causative power, but in no sense does such extend to moral and spiritual change. No matter what our educational progress may be, nor what its descriptive embellishments, the grace of God in Christ Jesus will ever be the need and the hope of the world. Only through Him can we hope to attain the ideal and standard of perfection which was the dower of the race at its beginning, and is the right of the soul through the universal redemption made available by the vicarious sacrifice of the Son of God on the Cross. Our definitions and attitudes can add nothing to the virtue of a means of growth, nor can they strip off its inherent limitations.

THE SUPREME COURT

Some time ago we had occasion to declare our allegiance to the Supreme Court and the Constitution, and every move since that time has strengthened our conviction. For more than four years, a more or less covert attack upon the Court has been in progress. The "nine old men ensconced behind a tome of musty laws" was an adroitly used piece of propaganda for discrediting a co-ordinate branch of the Government, constitutionally established and, we think, never more necessary to public security than now. For a time, there were in the press intimidating suggestions of a restriction of the Court by Constitutional Amendment. Now the matter is brought into the open through a proposal which we believe will destroy the integrity of the Court and the Constitution by a daring and unprecedented process of legislative revision. Certain members of Congress think that the measure can be passed as recommended, and the radio is being used for the apparent purpose of brow-beating opposition. In view of all this talk and of the situation now existing, no amount of specious explanation and argument can conceal the real reason for the move, and no apology can relieve such a step of the dire consequences of a flagrant abuse of power, regardless of the purpose for which it is invoked. No issue or situation can be made the occasion for destroying the break-waters against political opportunism without hazarding all that government stands for. It is said that one "not a lawyer" might be appointed to the Supreme Bench, and we see no reason why a rubber-stamp court need be composed of lawyers —a robot would serve the purpose as well and save both salary and conscience. To all this, we have one thing to say. It should not be forgotten that the servile "hand-clappers" of Louis XV were a prelude to the worst revolution in French history—a disturbance from which the political philosophy of the world has not recovered, nor has the moral and social equilibrium been restored to this day. We regard this innovation as being a definite step toward dictatorship through the liquidation of the only safeguard against such a possibility. We are unalterably opposed to it as tending to subvert democratic government and destroy political liberty—in effect, a deadly attack upon American institutions.

QUAKER ACTIVITY IN CUBA

A band of Cuban Quakers, members of the around-the-world Society of Friends, has added a bakery to its farm equipment. The new plant is located close to the community wheat field, and the bread that is baked is sent by carts and pack horses and sold in many nearby settlements. The plant is said to pay the best wages of any enterprise in the town, and the profits from the business go immediately into missionary work among fellow Cubans.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

INCH BY INCH

There are two kinds of overflows. One pours down upon you from upstream, and the other backs up all over you from downstream. Either one is bad enough.

Most of the overflows in this neck of the woods come from backwater. The Yazoo river empties into the Mississippi at Vicksburg. When the Mississippi is full, the current in the Yazoo first slows down, then becomes stationary, and then turns around and runs back up the creek. That is what it is doing now; and as it runs uphill, it spreads out over all the lowlands in sight.

Satartia is on the very banks of the Yazoo and is, therefore, plainly visible to the river's naked eye. Hence, it is highly probable that it will be spread out over.

Backwater is as inexorable as time and taxes. Inch by inch it creeps up. It has a quaint way of filling the low places first; but it doesn't stop with them. The main drainage system of our city consists of two or three good-sized ditches that meander through the suburbs, wander into the business section, pass under Main Street through big drainage tiles, and then make their way to the river. Under normal conditions, when it rains the water quickly runs off. But now—under abnormal conditions—the water in the river is backing up the ditches, backing under Main Street, and is beginning to meander through the suburbs. This afternoon it stood in the ditch at the corner of our garden. If it would stay in the ditch it would be most pleasing. But it seems determined to overflow the ditch, ease over into the garden, slip into the back yard, then into the front yard—and on and on, unless the crest of the Mississippi hurries up and passes Vicksburg and the falling current begins to pull the water out of our ditches.

Fashion note: Rubber boots are being worn this spring.

Unification

By James H. Felts

Bishop Mouzon, an ardent advocate of the defeated plan of union and the present plan, is quoted by the Nashville as saying of "repeal" in North Carolina, "We would remind members of the General Assembly that they are not our masters, but our representatives, and that they should do the will of the people of North Carolina. The time has come for a state-wide referendum on the liquor question and the people invite it." I believe the time has come for a plebiscite on the unification question. I will vote against ANY plan that fails to give the membership of our church a direct voice in the matter. Is it possible that our leaders are AFRAID to thus submit the question? Allow me also to say, "We would remind the members of the General Conference that they are not our masters, but our representatives, and that they should do the will of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

I call attention to the fact, for fact it is, that there is a large measure of inconsistency in so-called unification so long as we are unable or unwilling to so much as adjust overlapping in sections of our church either south or west. Surely, a marriage should not take place when both parties are in a constant state of disagreement, building altar against altar. Real unification is a state of mind, heart. No amount of juggling of words, meaningless affirmations, or assurances of love and desire for union can take the place of reality. When I see unification put in practice in a practical way by both sides at all proper places I will consider seriously taking the marriage vows—not till then. A plebiscite will give our leaders the "state of mind" found in the church. We go to the membership for everything else why not this?

Fulton, Ky.

THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

(An address to the Church by the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South)

I

The Crusades in the middle centuries were illustrious movements for the recovery of the Holy Land from the blighting thraldom of barbaric hordes. Great leaders of church and state, fired with holy zeal, mobilized daring armies to strike unhallowed hands from the shrines of Christian faith.

The Christian Church has greater cause for a Crusade today than in the middle centuries. Unhallowed hands rest heavily upon the world. Blighting forces dominate the domains of justice and righteousness, of virtue and honor, of peace and human goodwill. Mars and Mammon have joined forces and grip the world in their crushing embrace.

Totalitarian might in government, wealth, labor, and all phases of social control avows its right of supremacy with utter disregard for justice, conscience, and the moral state of man. Thrones of sovereignty are not merely unfriendly, but aggressively hostile to the principles and purposes of the Kingdom of God. These mad makers of modern might brand religion as an enemy and an opiate.

For the Christian Church to sit complacently and allow such a desperate state to continue would be treason to our Lord and the Kingdom of God.

II

Christianity must fight if it would win. The arena of its contests has been enlarged for beyond that of the historic Crusades.

More than a century ago Christianity began to rap on the portals of the slumbering peoples. The awakening has brought the opening of all doors. Knowledge and invention have entered but Christianity lingers in the vestibule.

The ancient religious philosophies have been intrenched rather than destroyed by the impact of western civilization. Extreme nationalism and acute race consciousness have developed. Political and commercial competition have caused people to identify Christianity with the Anglo-Saxon culture and to erect barriers against it. While in all lands there are many devout and stalwart Christians, yet in many places there is an attitude of stubborn opposition and active resistance to Christianity as a consequence of their knowledge of the deficiencies in our western life.

The science and philosophy of the West have not been reassuring to religious beliefs in the East or in the West. The injection of sociology, economics and theory of government into American Christianity has brought confusion into religious thinking and lessened attention to religion as long held by many persons. In addition to all this, the intolerance often found among Christian divisions has left some stigma upon Christianity.

Indeed Christianity has many obstacles and foes, and it must fight if it would win.

III

What chance has Christianity to win? Has anyone the right to expect it to win against such odds in a world of such misunderstanding, confusion, perplexity and antagonism as we have today?

Well, it has won in many eras in vast areas of human life, as civilization and history abundantly testify. It has always triumphed when the heroic inflamed its spirit and impelled its action. The heroic is its supreme need for this age, and with that restored triumphant adventure and achievement will come to it again. The Christian Church suffers not so much from incapacity as from sterility of courage and conscience. There is too little iron in its religious blood and too much anemia in its soul. There must be passion, vigor, courage and sacrifice if real victories are to be won. Wherever the Church has these virtues it always wins, and when they become dim the Church is pushed aside and man loses his way in the world. The command to the Church today is to arouse from its complacency, grasp the essentials to conflict and conquest and set forth with a sturdy step and undaunted heroism to recover humanity and save a world.

IV

Our Methodism, we are compelled to admit, is not meeting its opportunities and responsibilities with the spirit and power which its capabilities warrant. Look at the small number of additions to the Church on profession of faith (in many churches none at all), at the deplorably small attendance upon public worship in many churches, at the want of enthusiastic support of missions, educaiton and the great philanthropies of the Church.

Many communities are left without religious cultivation. Many of us ministers are discouraged and have lost the passion with which we began. We have too much complacency in the face of great moral and religious destitution, too little concern about the fearful possibilities, here and hereafter, that face a great proportion of the human race, and too much indifference to the production of a worthy humanity. Too few Christians seem alarmed at the inevitable doom that threatens sacred institutions and the peril that confronts youth in all lands. The superficialities of life and society engage and consume us. Our philosophies, theologies, and ethics lack human heartedness.

Something is demanded to arouse us from religious slumber and break up this distressing state of religious stagnation. Surely we need a veritable crusade for the restoration of an adventurous faith, for the recovery of an energized loyalty, for the awakening of an assertive conscience, and for the rekindling of a burning passion for the salvation of men. Such a crusade will drive us to the cross and to the altars of repentance and sacrifice.

V

Our Methodism has called a Crusade for the recovery of the church's lost vigor and spiritual power, for the rekindling of the ministry's zeal and for the restoration of the lost radiance to our religious experience. The major emphases are: Soul winning and life deepening, and missionary passion, sacrifice and activity.

From them should arise a new allegiance to the faith and work of our Church and a new loyalty to its own institutions. The benevolences are sacred trusts involving urgent necessities which this Crusade earnestly seeks to promote. They are now "pegged" within narrow limits and great interests are seriously suffering. There should come a quickened sense of stewardship responsibility and a conscience in the Church for the adequate care of ministers, especially those in rural sections, of superannuates, old people, and orphans and a concern for the immediate payment of all debts. The emphasis on missions and the deeper and stronger spiritual life of the Church is absolutely necessary to furnish the needed dynamic for our Methodism.

VI

One specific objective should by all means be attained by this Crusade. The Board of Missions should be freed of its embarrassing and obstructing debt.

Necessity compelled the contracting of this debt when the financial structure

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. V. D. Morris is featuring a "church night" program at Columbia, and he is looking forward to a building enterprise in the near future.

Rev. H. W. Ledbetter, who is serving Claiborne and Swartz churches, has effected the organization of a Board of Christian Education for Claiborne.

The District Staff met in Monroe on January 29, and laid plans for the educational program of the District, and fixed a budget for District Educational work.

Rev. W. H. Giles is having splendid success with his unified budget at Bastrop, and the outlook for a successful year in all departments of work is encouraging.

The Bonita Church School is reported to be having a greatly increased attendance, and Rev. George Fox is putting on the course, "By the Waters of Bethesda."

Rev. Maurice D. Fulkerson, who serves the Newellton community church, is making real progress, and plans are being made for a new church building to cost $15,000.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. St. Amant have been cordially received on the Pioneer charge, the work moves forward, and there has been an increase in the pastor's salary.

Mer Rouge and Rev. J. A. McCormack are said to be having a Church School revival with large and loyal attendance from Sunday to Sunday. An educational annex is being planned.

Rev. S. S. Holladay has met with a cordial reception at Delhi and Crowville. the salary has been increased $200, and Brother Holladay is said to be a happy huntsman, having bagged a deer.

Rev. S. A. Seegers is having great congregations at Lake Providence, and their interest is not affected by the weather. The people have given the new pastor and his family a cordial welcome.

Winnsboro church is planning for a fellowship dinner to celebrate the paying of the church debt. Dr. Briscoe Carter is the pastor under whose capable direction this progress is being made.

The Monroe District Conference is to meet at Tallulah, June 2, and Dr. Dana Dawson, of First Church, Shreveport, is to be the speaker. Rev. C. K. Smith will be the pastor-host and do the honors.

Rev. Martin Hebert, in his fourth year at West Monroe, has had a raise in salary. He also had the pleasure and profit of visits from Dr. R. L. Russell and Dr. J. F. Rawls, in the interest of missions.

Rev. Earl B. Emmerich is making a good beginning at Oak Grove, where he received a warm welcome and has prospects of a good year. He has the assistance of rural deaconess, Miss Sheila Nuttall.

Rev. J. M. Alford is reported to be making good progress at Gordon Avenue, Monroe. Congregations are good and the stewards are enthusiastic over the outlook. The parsonage debt has been settled.

The churches of Franklin Parish had a considerable part in winning the fight against the sale of liquor, at the election on February 2. A similar victory was achieved in West Carroll Parish in December.

Rev. L. N. Hoffpauir has entered upon his pastorate at Rayville with characteristic energy. An Epworth League has been organized, and a Training School and a pre-Easter revival are included in his plans.

Sterlington church, under the leadership of Rev. J. E. Hearn, has completed an addition for the Church School and is making complete renovation of the church plant. All bills are being paid as work progresses.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Shearer, Gibsland, announce the arrival of a son, Edgar Kearney. The happy event occurred on February 10, and the visitor weighs five pounds and nine ounces. We extend congratulations.

The pastors of Monroe District are to meet with Oak Grove church, and the special feature will be a discussion of "The Rural Church Program in the Monroe District." A quail dinner is a possibility and an added attraction.

We regret to learn of the illness of Miss Elizabeth Langford, Educational Director of First Church, Monroe. She was forced to be absent for some time, but we are glad to know that she has been able to return to her duties.

It will be a matter of interest to his many friends to know that Mr. Robert E. Harper, son of Dr. R. H. Harper, has secured a position as Director of Publicity with the American Road Builders Association and will have headquarters in Washington, D. C.

From Mrs. W. E. Moreland, of Powhatan, comes a list of six subscriptions for credit to the quota of Natchitoches charge, where Rev. R. R. Branton is pastor. We place the list to the credit of the sender also, for she is one of the best friends the Advocate has.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack H. Midyett have received a fine welcome from Oak Ridge charge. The Oak Ridge, Fairbanks and Crew Lake churches are said to be doing exceedingly well. Brother Midyett is to be Director of the camp for Intermediates at Ki-ro-li, July 19-23.

Rev. D. W. Poole, of Mangham charge, has inaugurated a church attendance pledge movement. Results are said to be gratifying and congregations larger than at any other time of his pastorate there. Brother Poole is to be Director of the Young People's camp scheduled for Ki-ro-li, July 5-9.

The debt on the educational building at Wisner has been discharged. Rev. R. M. Bentley was ably supported by Mr. S. E. Pool, the Church School superintendent. Brother Pool is also the lay leader and, in a three-year period, has distributed a total of 3,871 Bibles and portions to the value of $527.11.

Dr. Hugh H. Harris, of Emory University, is scheduled to hold Bible Conferences at Columbia and Mangham in the near future. The subject will be "The Bible and the Christian Home." Christian Workers' Training schools are planned for Wisner, Rayville, Bastrop, Tallulah, Mer Rouge and Columbia.

Drs. R. L. Russell and W. L. Doss, Jr., were the speakers at the Missionary Institute in the Monroe District, and pictures of African missions, Houma and St. Mark's were shown by Rev. W. H. Wallace, Jr. The meeting was largely attended and pledged enthusiastic co-operation in the Bishops' Crusade.

Methodist Men's Club of First Church, Monroe, had Mr. C. O. Holland, Conference Lay Leader, as guest speaker at the January meeting. The club is to take up the study of "A Steward in the Methodist Church." Rev. W. C. Scott, the pastor, and his wife were hosts to the quarterly conference at a dinner recently. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

THANKS

Will you allow me to extend my thanks to the church throughout the state for the very nice Christmas gift sent to me by our friend, Mr. A. M. Mayo, treasurer.

To each of you who shared in this giving, I thank you.

MRS. J. B. FULTON.

ADULT NIGHT IN THE LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

March 4, 1937, has been set aside as "Adult Night" in the Lake Charles District.

The supreme need in the adult life of our Church, is that adults be brought to see that they have a real need—a need of knowing that they must keep busy about the King's business. Our adults must see and feel a keen responsibility for creating an atmosphere in our churches, both large and small, so that every person within the membership of our church, and those outside the church, will have an opportunity to render a greater Christian service.

It is the sincere hope and prayer, that every adult in the Lake Charles District will meet in their local church, for an evening together, an air of warmth and genuine friendliness and with a determination that we will not allow our efforts to degenerate into a campaign, but that it must be a great Spiritual Adventure for "My brother and I."

Don't forget, March 4.

MRS. F. A. BACON,
District Director of Adult Work.

SOME GLEANINGS

I have just been looking through the Minutes of the last session of the Louisiana Conference. There are some interesting things.

First, out of the 151 pastoral charges, 96 paid everything in full, the best record I can recall. Of the 55 not paying in full you will find as follows: Alexandria District, 9; Baton Rouge District, 10; Lake Charles District, 6; Monroe District, 2; New Orleans District, 11; and all these failed on District Work. Ruston District, 11; Shreveport District, 6.

Five Districts show an increase in Benevolences: Alexandria District, $45; Baton Rouge District, $579; Monroe District, $711; New Orleans District, $604; Ruston District, $130.

Two show a decrease, Lake Charles District, $781; Shreveport District, $357.

That decrease in the Lake Charles District lacks a long way of being "200 per cent increase in benevolences." See report, page 29, Conference Minutes.

There was an increase in benevolences of $931 only and increase in ministerial support, $10,134. If the ministry had only tithed their increase in salaries the increase would have been more than that.

Increase paid on churches and parsonages, $29,938; increase in church membership, 1064, not half as much as last year, which was 2250. All the Districts show gains in membership except Ruston, which shows a loss of 133. Shreveport leads in gain at 425; Monroe next, with 400. Alexandria and New Orleans show smallest gain—15 and 18, respectively.

There was a loss in Church School enrollment amounting to 1619—Alexandria, 217; Baton Rouge, 147; Lake Charles, 444; Ruston, 432; Shreveport, 379.

Monroe District shows a gain of 152 and New Orleans District of 27, leaving a net loss of 1440. The loss the year previous was 848, making 2288 loss for the two years.

The attention of the Extension Secretary might be directed to the Districts on the minus side, as nearly all of them reported losses in 1935.

All the Districts show gains in Woman's Missionary Society memberships except Alexandria and Shreveport.

It seems to me these gleanings ought to provoke thought and self-examination on our part.

BRISCOE CARTER.

METHODIST STUDENT CONFERENCE

Dear Dr. Duren: The Louisiana Methodist Student Conference will be held at Louisiana State University February 19-20-21. The theme of the Conference will be, "Christian Action on the Campus." This same theme is being used in all of the fourteen state-wide Methodist Student Conferences being held this year in the South.

The Conference speaker will be Dr. H. D. Bolinger, Director of Student Work for the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Harvey C. Brown, Director of the Methodist Student Movement of the M. E. Church, South, will lead an adult workers seminar and a Conference discussion Student Organization and program building. Action groups for students will include the following: "Drinking on the Campus," with Mr. A. O. French, of the L. S. U. Y. M. C. A. as discussion leader; "Campus Ethics and Honesty," led by Dr. John B. Entrikin, of Centenary; and "Men and Women Relations and the Christian Home," led by Mrs. Joe Brown Love, of Baton Rouge. The Conference opens with registration on Friday afternoon at the Methodist Student Center on the campus, where the regular sessions of the Conference will be held, with the exception of the closing communion service and address on Sunday morning at First Methodist Church. Delegates of students and student advisors and pastors are expected to attend from practically every college in the state, and a strong program is assured for the fourth annual state-wide Conference.

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JOE BROWN LOVE.

SCARRITT COLLEGE ON THE AIR

Scarritt College for Christian Workers is to give a radio program over radio station WSM, Nashville, on the evening of February 26, at 10:15 p. m., Central Standard Time, under the auspices of "The Teachers College of the Air."

The thirty-minute program will present the training given for various types of Christian workers by Scarritt College. Members of the faculty and students from ten to twelve countries will participate and the Scarritt Choir will furnish music. Everyone is invited to listen in.

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. R. H. Clegg, presiding elder of the Brookhaven District, was the speaker at the vesper service of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College on January 31.

Hattiesburg District was well represented at the Bishops' Crusade meeting in Jackson. All the pastors were present and many carried a delegation of laymen.

Mrs. W. A. Freeman, of Millsaps Memorial Church, Jackson, sends a list of subscriptions and with it a word of cheer for the Advocate. We sincerely appreciate her interest and effort.

Rev. J. H. Moore, pastor at Silver Creek, is making a good start, after his four years out of the pastorate, in which time he served very acceptably as chaplain of the penal farm at Parchman.

On the afternoon of February 7, Brother Fred McDonell put on an inspiring program at Wesson with a large group of children from the Orphans Home. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all who were present.

All the preachers except two and a goodly representation of laymen attended the Bishops' Crusade at Jackson on February 5. They will doubtless be much encouraged by the high tide of enthusiasm which prevailed in that meeting.

In the death of S. Enoch Carruth, Adams church and community lost a worthy and good man. He had been in failing health for some time. Death occurred at McComb on February 8, and his body was laid to rest at Auburn the following day.

Wiggins has not only raised Rev. D. T. Ridgway's salary $200 over the amount paid by the charge last year, but has become a full time station. Miss Robbie Lee Leggett, missionary to China, on furlough, spoke before the congregation and exhibited her interesting Chinese collection at a recent service. The church is also engaged in a study of "By the Waters of Bethesda."

The Methodist church at Purvis narrowly escaped destruction by fire on Wednesday evening of last week. The fire caught in the attic, but was extinguished before serious damage was done. Purvis church responded one hundred per cent on the Christmas offering for the superannuates, and has forty dollars to its credit on the second installment. Rev. G. E. Allan announced for his subject last Sunday: "The Church on Fire."

Rev. L. L. Roberts, pastor at Prentiss, sends a list of six subscriptions and reports that the year begins well. In addition to his Advocate campaign, he has paid to the Conference treasurer more than one-fourth of his acceptance for Benevolences, all salaries are paid to date, he has paid the three per cent superannuate levy, is holding Church School in the new building at Bassfield, and is planning an educational annex for Prentiss. We call that well on the way to a great year.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren: If the Bishops' Crusade is to mean anything of special significance to the spiritual life of the church membership, it must find fruit in an aroused conscience with reference to the great evangelistic needs and opportunity, and to our own lack of liberality in the light of the sacrificial gifts from the Mission field to the home church, in response to its appeal for an emergency fund. The rally held at Galloway Memorial Church on February 5th was a memorable occasion for all who attended and its influence should reach into every charge of the two Conferences in Mississippi. How shall this be done? A full report of this great gathering at Jackson will soon appear in our Church literature along with those of other rallies in the program of the Bishops' Crusade, and these our laity should read.

Accounts of new enthusiasm and individual responsiveness will be on the lips of the pastors as they face their congregations with fresh evangelistic zeal. Would it not be splendid for every charge lay leader to impress on the board of stewards over which he presides something of the challenge that has come to us from our bishops through their sacrificial effort to stir the Church to a new spiritual vision and deeper personal consecration? A few "minute men" in every board, led by the chairman in a devotional session of thirty minutes or more, could start a revival of religious interest and attitude that would have its effect throughout the congregation. Read "The Bishops' Crusade," by W. H. Nelson, to be found on page 14 of the Christian Advocate of February 5th, and the report of the Memphis Rally on page 24 of the same issue.

Our Benevolences are still an index to our zeal and liberality. Our superannuates are in need of funds, and every benevolent claim is made to suffer by delaying three or four months, or even longer, to pay anything to the Conference treasurer from a large number of our charges. Up to February 3 our treasurer had received payments from only twenty-five charges, 127 charges having made no payment. Payments up to this date amount to $1,254.25, which is considerably better than for the same period last year, when it was $817.49. Payments are as follows:

Brookhaven District—Crystal Springs, $15; Georgetown, $10; Meadville and Bude, $17.05; Summit and Topisaw, $8. Total $50.05.

Hattiesburg District — Collins, $20; Heidelberg, $10; Mount Olive, $10; New Augusta, $10.39; Taylorsville, $14.97. Total $65.36.

Jackson District—Brandon and Pelahatchie, $35; Jackson, Capitol Street, $634; Madison and Pocahontas, $15. Total $684.

Meridian District—DeSoto, $4.80; Lauderdale and Electric Mills, $46; Meridian, Hawkins Memorial, $20; Meridian, Wesley, $7.50; Philadelphia, $200. Total $278.30.

Seashore District—Bay St. Louis, $1; Gulfport, First Church, $100; Kreole, $15; Long Beach and Pass Christian, $21; Moss Point, $12.25; Saucier, $10; Vancleave, $7. Total $166.25.

Vicksburg District—Vicksburg, Gibson Memorial, $10.29.

Your Conference lay leader would greatly appreciate being able to report some payment from every charge, even as small as one dollar, in the next monthly communication, but payments to be included then should be in the hands of the Conference treasurer, Mr. F. Y. Whitfield, by the last day of the month.

J. M. SULLIVAN.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

The Woman's Missionary Council will meet in its twenty-seventh annual session in the Washington Street Methodist Church, Columbia, S. C., March 9-15.

The schedule for the first two days, except for a mass meeting on Wednesday afternoon where all speakers will be missionaries and deaconesses, are filled with committee meetings and an executive session of the Council. Standing committees will meet on Tuesday, and Session Committees, Executive Committee and Council in executive session on Wednesday.

The Council will convene at nine a. m. Thursday morning, in its first open session.

Interest and inspiration will mark the program throughout the meeting, in the presentation of the various lines of work and the platform addresses. Nationally known speakers on the program are Miss Charl Williams, Bishop Arthur Moore, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, and Bishop Paul B. Kern.

Mrs. S. F. Killingsworth, 1816 Assembly St., Columbia, S. C., is the local General Chairman.

The Jefferson Hotel will be Council Headquarters.

Within the past year reduced railway fares have become effective throughout these United States, and since in some sections these rates are lower than former excursion or certificate rates, no special convention rates are available now. However, from some places, round trip tickets may be bought for less than straight fare going and returning. From other points there will be no reduction for round trip tickets. Several Passenger Associations make the regulations governing travel in their respective territories, so the cost of transportation and the time limit of a ticket will depend upon the section of the country in which it is bought. Because of this variance each delegate or visitor is requested to call on her local ticket agent who should be able to give all information desired. If information may not be had from the agent, Mr. W. M. Cassetty, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., will be glad to quote fares from your city to Columbia, and to give you all necessary information.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, President.
MRS. F. S. PARKER, Secretary.

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FLOOD RELIEF

By T. D. Ellis

The Law of the Church (Discipline, Paragraph 283) states, "No General Board or general interest such as a school, college, university, orphanage, or hospital, shall make a church-wide appeal for funds without the approval of the General Conference, or in the interim between General Conferences without the approval of the College of Bishops and the General Commission on Budget in the case of a General Conference interest."

The Ohio River flood, the worst tragedy in American history, has damaged and destroyed about $300,000.00 worth of church and parsonage property and has created an emergency which demands an immediate appeal to the Church at large. There is no law which forbids the Bishops in charge to appeal to their Episcopal Districts and even to the entire Church.

After a conference with a number of pastors and other interested parties at the office of the Board of Church Extension, Bishop Mouzon and Bishop Darlington are sending forth an appeal to their Episcopal Districts and also to the entire Church for aid to help in rehabilitation of churches and parsonages and also to aid in the support of pastors whose charges are unable to support them because of the flood. They are stating in their appeal that I, as Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, endorse the appeal, and I am sending this letter to the Church papers to state personally that the Church should respond to their appeal and to express the hope that the contributions of individuals and churches will be prompt and liberal.

SAFETY SIGNALS

Shreveport has held the promised meeting of the bishops and connectional men anent the Crusade. These modern crusaders deserve praise on the part of our Church for their zeal, energy and faithfulness. To my mind, the collection and payment of the necessary debt is the least part of this movement. The dissemination of information and the awakening of spirit of our preachers and people is the dominant purpose of our bishops. The intake of $385,000 is really a small sum for a Church of a half million people, and the wealth of which can only be measured by millions. I dare say that of the three hundred and eighty-five, I believe it is, of the millionaires of this country at least one hundred can be found in the M. E. Church, South. And a dozen of these could take from their income taxes the amount the federal government allows for benevolent purposes and liquidate this obligation. When vast sums of money are being given for scientific research, for education, for relief of human need and suffering, all of these commendatory, surely the Church of the living God, the fount and mother of all these merciful factors of this age, should not be allowed to falter or retreat in her divine call and mission.

The Master was and is right, as he ever is, when he said, "The children of this generation are wiser than the children of light." Some of the former must smile in pity or derision to think that the Church has to marshall its forces from China, Japan and this Southland territory with wealth in oil, cotton, lumber, manufacturers, etc., to pay a sum paltry and trivial in comparison to its possibilities. Furthermore, my heart went out in tenderest, brotherly sympathy to our bishops engaged in this Crusade. All who I saw looked tired and worn. They are all men past the meridian of life, and this excessive work is telling on them. May the Spirit of God put it in the heart and conscience of some men or man of wealth to whose stewardship has been entrusted great sums of money, to liquidate this debt. And then tell our chief ministers to go to their homes and abide therein for a season of well earned rest.

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. B. F. Hammond is now serving his seventh year at Cockrum. He is personally popular and wise in his administration.

Rev. H. P. Lewis, in his fourth year at Charleston, is having an unusual pastorate in that little city. Brother Lewis is a very capable leader.

Rev. W. L. Pearson continues to be effective at Friars Point. Brother Pearson is an enthusiastic fisherman, but does not forget how to contact men for his Lord.

Rev. L. C. Lawhon begins his first year at Carrollton. This is his third charge and he has a splendid record. Carrollton Methodism will prosper under his leadership.

Rev. T. M. Bradley fits Holly Springs like the proverbial glove. His quiet and dependable leadership suits Holly Spring. People and pastor are to be congratulated.

Rev. J. D. Simpson is the kind that never grows old. He is steady and resourceful and he directs the work at Olive Branch in an effective and satisfactory manner.

Rev. W. R. Lott is apparently giving an impressive ministry at Oxford. A discriminating student recently remarked, "The moment I walked into the church I felt the atmosphere of worship.."

We regret to learn that our friend, Rev. W. M. McIntosh, of Columbus, has not been very well of late. He has been truly a good soldier and we hope that brightening skies may greet him soon.

Mr. G. L. Morelock is to conduct an Institute for Stewards and other church officers at Greenwood, March 7-9, according to announcement sent out by Dr. A. T. McIlwain, the presiding elder.

Rev. W. N. Dodds is new to our Columbus Central Church people. We doubt if a more satisfactory man could have been found for the place. Brother Dodds has a record of success wherever he has served.

Rev. G. H. Ledbetter, who came to us a few years ago from the Protestant Church, is a good preacher, studious, methodical, diligent. No more satisfactory man has served the Courtland charge.

Rev. G. H. Boyles is one of the effective younger men of the Conference. He has made a promising beginning at Itta Bena. He has the habit of doing good work and any charge of which he is pastor is to be congratulated.

Rev. G. C. Gregory is one of the surprise men of the Conference. He is so quiet that one hardly knows he is around, yet no man does more acceptable work. We may reasonably expect a good report from Pickens and Goodman this year.

Rev. T. H. Dorsey, a man of few words, is serving his second term at Water Valley. It is rather unusual to find a man who excels as a presiding elder and pastor. Brother Dorsey is one of the exceptions. He is much beloved in his present charge.

Rev. S. W. Hemphill, pastor at Weir, has the flu. We understand Rev. John Robertson, pastor of Macon Station, is just recovering from the same. We are sure these brethren have the sympathy of all the brethren and the prayers of all for a speedy recovery.

It is predicted that Rev. W. W. Bruner, will have a more than ordinarily happy pastorate on the Nettleton Circuit. This is a splendid charge, the people are thrifty, progressive, and liberal. Brother Bruner will give them pastoral oversight along with faithful pulpit administration

Mrs. J. Elzie Carr, of Tupelo, writes us that her mother had been a reader of the Advocate for about thirty-five years and it was one of her best friends until she was called home. It was so much a part of her mother's life that she is now subscribing for her mother's long-time friend.

Rev. N. J. Golding is one of the most popular and lovable men among the young fellows of the Conference. No pastor is more truly beloved in any charge than is Brother Golding at New Albany. Pastor and people work together in mutual confidence, a good leader and a good charge to lead.

The building committee at Artesia held its first meeting recently and began plans for the new church to replace the one that was recently destroyed by fire just before the first service was held. Under the leadership of Rev. W. R. Crouch, Artesia is planning a come-back with a better church than the one which was destroyed.

Mrs. A. J. Jones, of Winborn, writes us in great distress on account of missing her Advocate last week. We imagine that her paper finally reached her, as publication was delayed by a press break down. We are sorry to know of her long illness and we hope that she may be restored to health and live long to enjoy the Advocate visits.

The pastors who are EXPERIENCED in the Delta are going along about their business like the river was just a spring branch. While no one can tell what the future holds for them and their people, it is good to work with assurance. Dr. Countiss, the beloved presiding elder, writing to a friend said, "Not scared yet." Well, fear is a tryant. It takes courage to do well, meet emergencies well, live well.

Kosciusko Station is making progress toward paying the debt on the church. Monthly payments are being made. One of these regular monthly payments recently amounted to more than seven hundred dollars. The pastor, Rev. T. E. Gregory, says the people have a remarkably improved morale about the debt now and are saying, "Of course we are not going to lose our church; we are going to pay it out."

The presiding elder has about completed his first round and reports much progress throughout the Columbus District in the plans for the Conference year. Among other signs of loyalty and progress is a disposition on the part of the people to pay the pastors better. Substantial salary increases have been reported in the following charges of the District: Ackerman, Caledonia, Artesia, Ethel, Kosciusko Station, Kosciusko Circuit, Louisville Station, Louisville Circuit, Macon Station, Noxapater, Sallis, Starkville, Pickens, and Goodman and Weir and McCool.

The Educational Institutes held at Louisville, Starkville and Sallis were well attended and helpful meetings. One hundred and sixty-five workers from the charges of the District attended these institutes. Rev. Roy A. Grisham and the presiding elder, Rev. L. P. Wasson, had charge and were ably assisted by Mrs. C. A. Parks, of Grenada, Conference Director of Children's Work, and Rev. S. E. Ashmore, of Iuka, who handled a special assignment—Systematic Visitation. The District Young People's Director, Rev. A. Y. Brown, also met the workers with young people. There was an interest on the part of all who attended the institutes which means success. At each meeting many said, "We just didn't have enough time."

A young people's union, composed of the churches of the following charges: Ackerman, Louisville Station, Louisville Circuit, Noxapater, Sturgis, Chester, Weir and McCool, Eupora and Mathiston and Maben, is carrying on a splendid program. The union has been named the Young Peoples' Christian Union. It is the purpose to make the name "Christian" meaningful, a name to remind the young people of the group at Antioch. The Union met February 9 in Weir with about seventy-five young people present. A splendid program had been prepared. The discussions were thoughtful and inspirational. Plans were made for the Union to send two of its officers to the Conference Assembly at Grenada, June 7. The next meeting will be held in Ackerman, March 30.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 5, 1937.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Dr. T. M. Brownlee, presiding elder of the Jackson District and chairman of Central Committee and all other members of said committee and sub-committees, Dr. J. L. Decell and his good people of the Galloway Memorial Church, to Dr. Hewitt, pastor, and the membership of the First Baptist Church, the City of Jackson, the Daily Press and all other agencies contributing to the success of the Missionary Rally held here today, and

Resolved, second, That we extend to our noble leaders of the Church, Bishops Arthur J. Moore, A. Frank Smith, E. D. Mouzon and Mrs. Seth Craig, Dr. Y. C. Yang, Dr. Elmer T. Clark, and all other general officials of the Church who have helped to make these rallies successful.

Resolved, third, That we hereby express our deep regret in the absence of our presiding Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, and extend to him our sympathy and prayers for his early recovery.

No. 2

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 5, 1937.

Whereas, the Missionary necessities of our church have become so obvious, the urgency so great, and the evangelistic spirit so impelling, and

Whereas, our College of Bishops have organized and begun the execution of the Bishops' Crusade as the greatest movement of recent years, and

Whereas, our Missionary debt must be lifted and the evangelistic fires set burning throughout the church, and

Whereas, the supreme efforts of the Bishops, Board of Missions, and other leaders throughout the ministry and membership are deserving of our praise, cooperation, and sacrifice, and

Whereas, we recognize in this movement a tremendous opportunity for preachers and people to respond nobly, contribute liberally, and execute zealously the divine commission unto which we have all been called; be it therefore, Resolved:

That we have been stirred by the message we have heard, by the sacrificial gifts that have been made, and by the revelation of divine opportunity under God, and

That we urge upon our pastors and people the most vigorous support, the most devoted zeal, and entire consecration to the cause, and

That we earnestly dedicate in His name to this great movement our means, our talent, our time, ourselves, that our Master's Kingdom shall not suffer, His Gospel be preached with power, and His Church come into the fullness of its ultimate growth, not without us, but with us in the strength of our loyalty and devotion.

HENRY F. BROOKS,
J. H. JOHNSON,
JOHN W. KYLE,
E. S. BOWLUS,
MRS. D. L. ST. JOHN,
DR. B. E. MITCHELL.

THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

(Continued from page 5)

collapsed in 1929. The Board's income dropped suddenly to one-half. Missionaries and their families on the field had to be cared for, and all the institutions had to go on in some way. As quickly as possible missionary personnel was reduced, work curtailed and retrenchment effected everywhere. Had not the Board in faith used its credit the entire missionary structure would have been in jeopardy.

Until the debt is entirely liquidated there can be no restoration and no advance. The debt at the peak was $650,000. By careful financing and close economy it has been reduced to $385,000. This Crusade will celebrate in every church on April 23 and 25, 1937, the 89th anniversary of the going out of the first missionaries of Southern Methodism. A free will offering will be made at that time. We confidently expect the entire debt will be wiped out on that date.

That may not be considered a great achievemet but in reality it will be a stimulating victory. It will put heart into the Church, It will restore morale, it will give the Church a new sense of its power and capability. More than that it will free a great Board for world service in giving Christ's gospel to the peoples of the nations.

VII

Our exposition of the status of the Church and its work must not be considered pessimistic. This is not a sound to retreat; it is a call to advance.

Christianity is alive. Our Methodist Church possesses immense power and unmeasured possibility. It can win great victories. Its capabilities in men, money and method can scarcely be estimated. Its doctrines and spirit are unsurpassed. This Crusade is launched with utter confidence and will be carried out with exhilarating courage. The outcome will be the glorious achievement of its objectives.

Adventurous faith is surging for a great advance. When the Christian Church outthought Athens and Antioch and Alexandria and Rome, it made the dominant philohophy. When its moral and religious purpose stood supreme it mastered soverigns and ruled kingdoms. When it out-prayed and out-preached a decadent ecclesiasticism, it stirred nations and set currents of salvation flowing in the lives of sin-cursed men. When it dared to proclaim and do the will of God it was mighty among the forces of the earth. With the consciousness of its vast responsibility shall it not arise with new and irresistible power for such a time as this? The greatest day in our Church is still ahead. Speak unto the children of Methodism that they go forward!

EDWIN D. MOUZON,
JOHN M. MOORE,
U. V. W. DARLINTON,
W. N. AINSWORTH,
JAMES CANNON, JR.,
SAM R. HAY,
HOYT M. DOBBS,
H. A. BOAZ,
ARTHUR J. MOORE,
PAUL B. KERN,
A. FRANK SMITH.

Sardis-Grenada District—Second Round

Batesville, Feb. 14, 11 a.m.; preaching and Q. C. later.
Como, Feb. 14, 7 p.m.; preaching and Q. C. later.
Hernando, Feb. 21, 11 a.m.; preaching and Q. C. later.
Byhalia, at Ft. Head, Feb. 28, morning.
Olive Branch, at Mineral Wells, Feb. 28, night.
Mt. Pleasant, at Union, March 2.
Red Banks, at Red Banks, March 3.
Marks and Belen, at Belen, Mar. 7, morning.
Lambert and Crowder, at Lambert, Mar. 7, night.
Holcomb, at Tie Plant, March 9.
Longtown, at Sarah, Mar. 14, morning.
Pleasant Hill, at Louisburg, Mar. 16, morning.
Hernando, March 16, night.
Horn Lake, at Minor Memorial, Mar. 17.
Sardis Circuit, at Turza, Mar. 21, morning.
Sardis Station, Mar. 21, night.
Shuford, at Love Joy, Mar. 23.
Arkabutla, at Truslow, Mar. 24.
Crenshaw and Sledge, at Crenshaw, Mar. 28, morning.
Coldwater, at Brooks Chapel, Mar. 31.
Lake Cormorant, at Walls, April 4, morning.
Tyro, at Fredonia, April 7.
Courtland, at Pope, April 11, morning.
Oakland, at Tillatoba, April 14, morning.
Charleston, April 14, night.
Cookrum, at Palestine, April 18, morning.
Senatobia, April 18, night.
Grenada, April 25, morning.
District Institute for Stewards and other church workers at Grenada, March 10, 11, 12, conducted by G. L. Morelock.
District Missionary Institute at Sardis, March 11.
District Conference at Como, May 12-14.

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, FEBRUARY 21

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

THE POWER OF JESUS OVER DEATH

While the first three Gospels seem to stress the physical facts and details of miracles, the Gospel of John emphasizes their implication and meaning in terms of spiritual life. The Bible does not teach that the mere working of wonders is evidence of moral goodness. The marvels wrought by Moses and Paul were duplicated by pagan sorcerers. Value does not lie in the unusual or incomprehensible deed, but in the moral character of the worker and in the ends for which he strives. Jesus appealed to his wonderful works only as collateral evidence of his relation to God. He condemned those who found spiritual insight only in physical mysteries. John sees in physical wonders signs of higher things, but does not regard them as mere symbols, bits of fiction which may be used to point a moral. Fiction neither restores life nor awakens enmity, and the miracles of Jesus were not more reassuring to his friends than disconcerting to his enemies. For John, the wonder is not in the deed but in the Author.

Jesus vindicates his right to forgive by his manifestation of power to heal. He is not merely the giver of sight; he is the Light of the World; not merely the restorer of vitality, he is "resurrection and life." In him two worlds meet and coalesce, the material and the spiritual, the temporal and the eternal. He does more than make a connection between these worlds; he is the connection. The spiritual, being more important, is dominant. The body perishes, the spirit lives on. The real Lazarus was not dead and could not die. He was not to be made alive at the last day, but was alive at that very moment. There is a deathless quality in the life that comes through Christ, and mere physical death loses its importance and terror for those who live in him.

Jesus is at once the revelation of the love of God and of the hatred of God. As God loves all mankind, he hates all enemies of man, whether physical, social, or moral. Through Jesus, God shows his hatred of hunger, thirst, disease, death, injustice, oppression, greed, selfishness. As death is the supreme enemy of man's body, so sin is the chief enemy of his soul. If Jesus conquers one, he can conquer the other. He is able to abolish the sin that brings death to faith, hope, and love; to purity, peace, and power, even as he abolishes that which destroys bodily powers and activities.

Perhaps no incident in the life of Jesus shows his humanity more clearly than this supreme evidence of his power over nature. Distance cannot bring forgetfulness of friends, nor can divinity shield him from sorrow. In the face of determined opposition, he goes to his friends. With them he weeps tears that are more than the forced tears of hired mourners. He comforts them with a comfort the world can neither give nor take away. An unspeakable peace still comes to the hearts of those who feel his unseen presence in hours of grief and loneliness. The body of Lazarus has long since returned to its native dust, but he who is "resurrection and life" abides forevermore.

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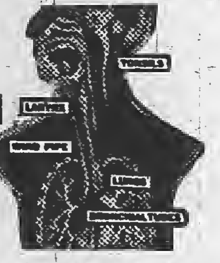

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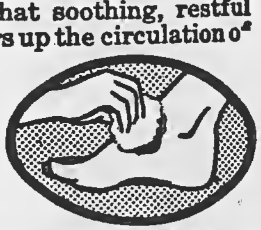

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So off she set at break of day to take the long, long trail over mountain and desert, in cloud and sunshine and burning heat, risking sandstorm and fog and perilous journey over the Timor Sea. Others had done it; why should not she, though hardly more than a girl? (Somehow we must think of her as a girl. There is in her such a joyousness of youth.)

It is not recklessness. Be sure that Jean all the way took care to see to the trustworthiness of her machine, and to test at every halt its wiring and controls. It was the mixture of daring and carefulness that took her through. Her path was marked for her by map and compass, but we think she must have carried a magnetic compass in her own heart and mind that pointed the way home.

When she had crossed the Timor Sea, reached Port Darwin, arrived at Sydney, New South Wales (and all with so little fuss that only a line cabled now and then reminded us of the stages of the passage), she was again held up by well-meant warnings not to tempt fortune by crossing the Tasman Sea.

The authorities said she had better not try, but Jean thought it would be all right so long as she took her usual care.

So off she started at dawn once more, telling her father over the wireless that she would see him next day. She did. The 1,100 miles across the stormiest of southern seas did not dismay her. She crossed them as smoothly and easily as if it had been only a practice flight, and stepped from her plane at Auckland, New Zealand, as calm and unruffled as if she had come out of a bandbox.

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Methodist Women

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
1574 Jefferson Avenue, New Orleans, La.

There is nothing that this writer enjoys quite so much as a visit to Houma, unless it is to take some one with her who is seeing it for the first time.

A friend from another state who has been a member of the Woman's Missionary Council for many years was particularly anxious to see the French missionary work of Louisiana, of which she had read so much. It was the last day of her visit (Saturday), and pouring rain! But we set out enthusiastically to drive the fifty miles. Before we could realize it we were entering the big gate with the inscription, MacDonell School." How much fun to show her the Wesley House, the splendid school building, the dormitories and Keener Hall, our newest building made possible by the Week of Prayer money of 1932—this visitor who had urged the Council to appropriate the money that year for this work.

Soon the dinner bell sounded, and what a joy it was to meet the boys and girls around the family table. How courteous they were! How anxious to make our visit a pleasant one!

Hurrying from the table, we took the car (now accompanied by Miss Hooper) to drive eighteen miles down the bayou to Dulac to see our Indian work. Realizing that it was not school-day, we expected to see only the buildings and meet the workers. Imagine our surprise after being greeted by the new deaconess, Miss Mary Beth Littlejohn, and her co-worker, Miss Wilhelmina Hooper, to see our Indian friends pouring in. There came little girls leading the younger children, mothers with babes in their arms, fathers and stalwart young men. And the only ones who could speak English were the boys and girls attending our school. Truly we were deeply impressed with their appreciation of the school and church, and of their earnestness to learn. Tears could not be held back as they sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "Jesus Loves Me."

On the way home we stopped to visit a home of one of the children, a little houseboat home on the bayou. Most of them live on the water, as their fathers are fishermen and trappers. We also took time to board a few oyster and shrimp boats that had just come up from the Gulf.

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NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

Zone Meetings

The Woman's Auxiliaries of the Methodist churches of Cleveland, Boyle, Shaw, New Salem and Pace held the first zone meeting of the year at Pace on the afternoon of February 28, with Mrs. S. K. Hogue, of Pace, their efficient zone chairman, presiding. Mrs. R. L. Biles, of Boyle, zone secretary, gave an interesting account of the last meeting.

After the opening hymn, "The Kingdom is Coming," Rev. Walter Jones, of Boyle, conducted an inspiring devotional. Reports of activities of the different towns were given by their representatives.

The following program was then given: A splendid paper on "Officers' Training Days," Mrs. H. C. Bizzell; an instructive paper on "The Efficiency Aim," Mrs. H. A. Rogers; a beautiful vocal duet, "My Mother's Bible," Mrs. D. N. Boyce and Mrs. H. C. Bizzell; a helpful talk on her work by Miss Myrta Davis; a wonderful paper on "Value of Young Women's Circles," Mrs. A. Symond; able discussions on the year's plans for Christian Social Relations, Mrs. S. W. Courtney and Mrs. T. M. Ott; impressive talk on the World Outlook Magazine, Mrs. S. W. Courtney; a splendidly rendered piano and violin special, Miss Elizabeth McArther and Miss Virigina West of the Pace High School faculty; a convincing talk on the Octagon Coupon Campaign, Mrs. J. N. Williamson. The zone accepted an invitation from Shaw for its next meeting. After the closing hymn the meeting was dismissed with a prayer by Rev. Walter Jones.

Zone four, which consists of the auxiliaries of Merigold, Gunnison, Rosedale and Shelby, held the first meeting of the quarter at Gunnison with Rosedale giving the program. From a background of high water interests, through the first sunshine of the month, and into a church decorated with spring flowers came an interested group of women to report on work done the last quarter of 1936 and to plan for work during this first quarter of 1937.

The program was such as to furnish both the plan and the spiritual impetus to carry the plan to a successful new high. The usual program as planned by the Conference officers was followed, but into each number was put a zeal, an enthusiasm, a tone that bespoke a fresh vision. The reports were one hundred per cent, though the attendance was cut down by the high water excitement of that particular day. The guests of the zone were Mrs. H. L. Talbert, Conference president; Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, vice-president; Miss Myrta Davis, rural worker of the Greenville District, and Rev. J. R. Countiss, presiding elder of the Greenville District.

Miss Davis pitched the tone of the meeting with a worship service that led the group to thinking of the coming year as a time when their zeal would not flag, a time when they would endeavor to maintain the spiritual glow.

Mrs. Ratliff reviewed the various departments of the Missionary organization, showing the challenges that exist in them. That any woman in the Methodist Church could fail to feel these challenges was the amazing thought in her listeners' minds.

Mrs. Talbert based her message on a scriptural passage from Phillipians. The joy of the fellowship of the women of the auxiliaries was stressed as she led into a report of the Conference work. The most interesting point of that record was that the Conference had paid its pledge of $20,000 along with two specials that amounted to $750.

The closing moments were sad ones yet joyous ones for, while tears stood in our eyes as we talked of the passing of Mrs. W. B. Parks, we could rejoice that it had been our privilege to know and work with such a sincere Christian.

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IN MEMORIAM

J. B. Howard was born in Alabama in 1856. His parents moved to Louisiana, bringing him here before he was two years old. He was married in 1890 to Miss Maggie Morgan.

He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church from his youth, serving as a steward for about fifty years. He was a member of the board of stewards of Coushatta church at the time of his death, January 11, 1937.

He was faithful in every way. His presence always added to the meetings he attended and his prayers seemed to lift all who heard him into the presence of the Father to whom he spoke.

His influence was a benediction to the entire town where he lived, and only eternity can tell the value of such a life.

His faith was unshaken and even the pangs of death could not take away the note of certainty and the smile of assurance which wreathed his face.

Though passed from our sight he still lives, not alone with God, but in the hearts of those who knew him, and we do not doubt that many others shall join that throng of saints because of his testimony, and the Christ reflected in his holy life.

He left, for a while, his wife, one daughter, Mrs. L. R. Garret, and three grandchildren.

R. H. STAPLES.

C. W. JACKSON

Resolutions adopted by the quarterly conference of the Moss Point, Miss., Methodist Church, Sunday, January 31, 1937:

Whereas, in the providence of God, Brother C. W. Jackson finished his life on earth, Sunday, January 17, at the ripe age of eighty-one.

And whereas, he has been a member of the Moss Point Methodist Church for forty-six years and superintendent of the Sunday school for forty-one years, and a member of and a regular attendant upon the meetings of the quarterly conference during all these years.

And, whereas, because of the faithful discharge of the duties committed to his hands, and by the consistent, devout Christian life which he lived day by day, he was loved and honored by all who knew him and became a real inspiration to all of us who worked with him; therefore be it

Resolved, by this quarterly conference, in session January 31, 1937, that in the passing from us of Brother Jackson we, who in our official position represent the whole membership and every department of the church activities, and speaking for the whole, feel a deep loss and recognize a vacancy which will be difficult to fill, for his gentle spirit, kindly face, fervent prayers and godly counsel brought us all to a clearer and finer appreciation of the "God of our fathers," who watches over us down through the years.

Resolved, further, That we, as official representatives of this church, in appreciation of his character and services, shall try to be more faithful in the discharge of our duties, and more godly in our daily life and conduct, in order that this church may not fail to carry on the good work, after the going from us of this good man.

Resolved, further, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the bereaved wife and daughter, to the Moss Point Advertiser, the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and recorded in the minute book of this quarterly conference.

Signed: L. E. ALFORD, Pastor,
F. W. GIRLOT,
Sunday School Supt.
C. W. FAIRLY,
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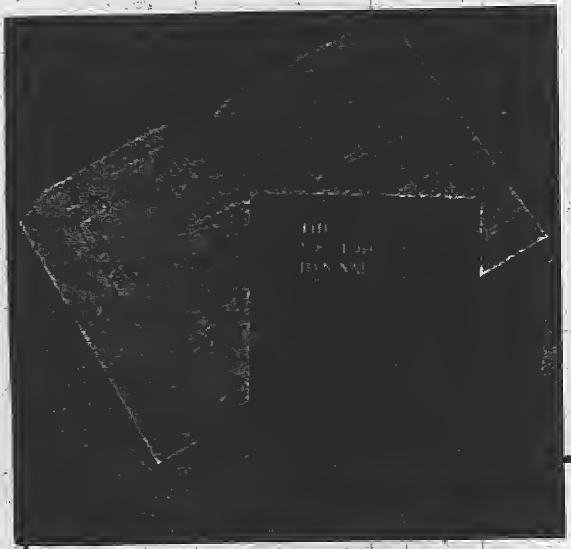

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The Gossipers

By Marshall Wingfield

He saw a strong man marching to fame,
Earning and winning his fellows' acclaim;
But he knew of a story that would injure his name
And cause his proud head to be lowered in shame,
So he told it!

She knew of a spot in the life of a star,
Though the spot in her own life was darker by far;
And she knew that baring the old spot would mar
And leave on a life an ineffaceable scar,
Yet she bared it!

He knew of a skeleton deep in a cave,
Rattling of which would make him seem brave;
And make a far better man look like a knave
Whose sins were too black for even pity to lave;
Yet he rattled it!

She knew of an error that was scarcely a sin,
Whispering of which would cause deepest chagrin;
But so eager was she a cheap laughter to win
She forgot her own faults that were closely akin,
And whispered it!

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Wallet of the Week

DR. AXEL MUNTHE, the author of "The Story of San Michele," is himself the subject of some interesting bits of history. He is of Swedish birth, writes in English, was for two years Anatole France's doctor, and at one time worked with Louis Pasteur. He is also a man of worthy philanthropies. Not long ago, he made a gift of ten thousand dollars to two hospitals on the Isle of Capri, and a gift of five thousand dollars was made to the poor of Anacapri, the village where his villa, filled with art treasures, is located.

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THE HOLY SYNOD of the Bulgarian church is reported to have introduced a somewhat novel and daring limitation upon marriages which may receive the blessing of the church. By this new regulation, the marriageable age of men is fixed at from eighteen to fifty-five years, and of women from sixteen to fifty years. Those outside these ranges, below or above, are to be denied the privilege of marriage by the church. It would seem that Bulgarian religion is disposed to look askance at "puppy love" and "gold-diggers."

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A FEDERAL THEATER PROJECT is said to be a venture being undertaken by the United States Government. According to **The United Presbyterian,** the plan is to use at a moderate salary actors who could not obtain employment in the higher grade theaters. Elmer Rice, a leading producer, was first chosen to direct the enterprise, but when his play, "Ethiopia," was stopped by Government order, he resigned. Another producer has been named and he has directed a number of plays in New York, but the limitations with which the scheme is at present hedged about seem to make the future of the enterprise uncertain.

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TRAFFIC FATALITIES for the year 1937 in the city of New Orleans have already reached twenty-one, and a second crusade against drunken, reckless and juvenile drivers is getting under way. This death list, according to our understanding, includes only those happening within the city limits. The number of accidents on the highways radiating from the city would greatly swell the total number of fatalities, and even that would leave out of account the much greater number lying in hospitals suffering with varying degrees of injury. Ultimately the most incurable advocate of liquor will be forced to admit the truth.

HUMAN SLAVERY, as a social institution, was outlawed and abolished nearly a hundred years ago, and the average person looks upon it as an issue which belongs to history. It is, therefore, something of a surprise to learn that there are still more than five million human beings in bondage. Two million of these are said to be Chinese girls between the ages of four and eighteen. This estimate does not take into account the vast number of people who are held in the grip of an economic slavery, bondage without the specific label.

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LIQUOR HEADS THE LIST of the six outstanding evils which are destructive forces in American communities, as catalogued by the Twentieth Annual Young People's Conference of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The Conference was held on November 19, 1936, and the six outstanding evils were listed in the following order: liquor, breakdown of the home; gambling, Sabbath desecration, lack of appreciation of the value of money, and gossip. It is easy enough to berate the young people for their delinquencies, but certain groups of them, at least, are doing some solid thinking.

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THE PIONEER JEW, of the more than two million Hebrews now in New York City, is said to have been an Ashkenazic Jew named Jacob, son of Samson, usually known as Barsimon. He sailed from Holland on July 8, and arrived in the harbor of New Amsterdam, August 22, 1654. He was the only Jew in New York until the arrival of a party of Jewish refugees from Brazil some time later. For hundreds of years the Jewish race has been forced toward social oases by the relentless persecutions of which it has been the hapless and helpless victim.

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ALEXANDER SERGEYEVITCH PUSHKIN, who has been called "the greatest poet of Russia," is a subject of international literary discussion upon the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of his death. Like Alexander Dumas, he had a measure of Negro blood. He was a man of real ability. It is not necessary to believe that he ranks with Dante, Goethe and Shakespeare, but there can be no doubt that this great-grandson of a slave of Peter the Great was an accomplished literary genius. Like many other Russian writers, he seems to have been a political cosmopolite. His tragic death on February 10, 1837, was the result of a duel with D'Anthes, adopted son of the Dutch Ambassador, on account of a scandalous association with Mme. Pushkin.

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EDITORIAL

THE CHURCH—A PERSONALIZED PASSION, OR A CAVALCADE OF LEADERS?

Not long ago a distinguished teacher of history declared that, "The greatest danger in a democratic system is not from external attack, but from internal decay." That statement was followed with an equally impressive suggestion, that escape from such a process of decay would depend upon, "the presence of a sufficiency of educated people imbued with initiative and public spirit to resist the demoralization which freedom makes possible, to maintain the reign of law and vigorous progressive government." By these statements, he meant to say that the perpetuity of democratic institutions depends upon a leadership of intelligent and unselfish personalities. We do not quote these words with a view to pursuing further their bearing upon civil institutions, but to raise the question as to whether the situation may not have an exact parallel in the Christian Church which is in essence the purest form of democracy. Is it possible for Christianity to become a mass movement or a corporate enterprise without forfeiting the very principle which gave it life and vitality? We believe that when the Church ceases to rest upon an individualized passion it cannot hope to escape the processes of internal decay. When the Church becomes dominantly a movement or a program its motivation is no longer internal, but is external and mechanical. Programs and movements may be entirely proper and thoroughly Christian in their ends and aims; but if by a switch of emphasis they become ends in themselves, they subtract from the power that depends upon the inner consciousness of a soul saved by grace. The Christian Church can never be primarily a cavalcade of leaders, no matter how great or sincere they may be. It will always be a lonely march of sturdy men with a sacrificial spirit and a martyr's devotion. If the power that made the Church is to abide, the cross and personal salvation must continue to be central in the life of the people who make up its membership. The sense of greatness and of corporate solidarity, we believe, militates against Christian progress and may become responsible for spiritual decay and a tragic loss of power.

A CO-OPERATIVE ENDEAVOR

Representative Ross A. Collins, of Mississippi, introduced recently a Joint Resolution looking to the creation of a Joint Congressional Committee on Educational Services to Youth by the Government. It seems to be the aim of the proposal to coordinate the functions of the Federal Departments with the various Independent Bureaus and Offices now serving youth for a more efficient use of public funds for handling problems of the interests involved. We are entirely in sympathy with the purpose of Mr. Collins, but we think that the scope of the plan might be broadened and made to serve more effectively the ends in view. A new emphasis is being developed in the rural missions of the churches. An effort is being made to organize church missionary policies about every phase of the life of the people—housing, health, schools, recreation, agriculture and husbandry as well as religion. We do not know anywhere that the Government might co-operate with independent social effort to greater purpose for meeting the needs of the rural people. The organization of a Federal Commission composed of members of Congress and others with an intelligent and sympathetic outlook would be able, we believe, to do much toward reconstructing both the ideals and the life of rural communities, especially of agricultural sections. A combination of inspiration, guidance and help might render a valuable service by helping to reduce to a minimum the number of unemployed and unemployables who must be the wards of the public. Such a Commission would help to create an understanding between Government and independent agencies and would be the means of developing a whole-hearted co-operation for the solution of problems common to both. We cannot think of any enterprise which offers a more hopeful field for such joint endeavor. We are not of those who would obliterate the distinction between Church and State, but we do believe that friendly co-operation in coinciding interests would be both wholesome and helpful and that it would have the approval of both God and man.

SUPER-SATURATION

Some years ago we chanced upon a book with the title, **A 1001 Questions.** It covered a great range of subjects, but with never the intimation of an answer. The questions were intended to extract an answer, not to provide it—the "shock," or the "strike," or the "seed crystals" of the sugar industry. After the manner of that book, we seek here to raise questions, not to answer them.

At the beginning of their experiments, the physicist and the chemist know that they must take into account the limit known as the saturation point. For the same substance, it may be a variable quantity, but it is, nevertheless, a factor of every problem. Conditions may be varied so as to cause super-saturation, but that is an unstable state and any disturbance will cause an immediate discharge of the excess load.

In the study of the history of culture and civilization, does not one meet the same phenomenon in the form of a cultural saturation point? Culture and education seem to arrive at a point from which they tend to turn backward and to throw down as surplusage all further provision for intellectual development. Higher degrees of culture and refinement show a drift toward pragmatism, self-indulgence, entertainment, pugilism, sensuality, bestiality and lust. Such cycles mark every great civilization of the past, and the history of every great race is a series of glorious arcs broken by recurrent recessions, not so much determined by time as by attainment—the saturation point. The same trend appears in the history of popular governments, particularly of democracies. Is it not a problem of religious progress also? The Church moves forward for a time in all the majesty of its divine authority and mission until it seems to reach a state of moral and spiritual saturation, and then it turns backward toward the primitive. There springs from its stump, as from the exhausted graft of a fruit tree, the original, wild and hardy stock which was its underlying dower of strength, and instead of the luscious fruit of the graft, it reverts to a hard, inedible and an utterly different fruitage. As we try to think through our moral problem, particularly in its religious bearing, we find ourselves half defeated and wondering if the perfectibility of humanity is, after all, an attainable ideal? Do not the spiritual achievements of men awaken pride and self-sufficiency to such a degree as to cause a break-down in the sense of dependence upon God? May that not have the effect of breaking the ladder upon which individuals and civilizations mount to a place in the sun? It is a riddle of social and moral philosophy whose answer is not easy to guess, but we believe that it may indicate a fruitful field for explorers and pioneers who, by the will of God, would serve future generations. What variations of thought or circumstance can save moral progress from its lapses? Is there a spiritual "seed crystal" which might enable us to extract and conserve the fruits of civilization? Is it a method of procedure, or the stabilizing effect of a recovery of power that we need today? Is there a condition of religious super-saturation for humanity? Shall the foundation of our Christianity be economic recovery, a theory of social and industrial relations, or the Christ of Calvary?

EDITORIAL NOTICE

The Advocate is doing all in its power to serve every interest of the Church. With this issue we are adding practically a page to the content capacity of the paper. From some sections we are getting splendid co-operation, but we need a more uniform news reporting. We want all the news and we desire the special features for every issue. This includes the correspondents for the Missionary Societies as well as others.

THE LOST CHORD IN KOREA

The Missing Notes in a Christian Assembly

In an article published in the December issue of Korean Echoes, the Rev. William Scott writes of his visit to the Twenty-fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea. On the whole, he was favorably impressed, he says, by what he heard and saw. Yet the concluding paragraph of his story gives as sad and disturbing a picture as we have looked on for many a day: "There were several notes missing in this Assembly. There was no voice from abroad, or even from a sister denomination in Korea or Japan, and little evident sense of fellowship in the Church universal. There was no utterance upon the application of Christian principles to the problems of today. Only very grudgingly was permission given for the continuance of the Rural Work Committee, and a request for the establishment of a temperance board was refused and replaced by a weak recommendation to individual Christians to support temperance work. The social sense of the Assembly is still unawakened. Perhaps too much emphasis is placed upon the otherwise excellent and necessary business of systematic giving, spiritual retreats and one hundred per cent campaign programme for the local church. A keen sense of mission in a world that has lost its way would prove a good tonic and a unifying factor that might bring new health to the Korean Church."—The New Outlook for February 12, 1937.

Unification

A SENSIBLE EDITORIAL

SOME BAD FEELINGS OVER UNIFICATION

Our Negro Conferences have been voting strongly against unification. It was expected that there would be a strong opposition on such a question, but there has been an unexpected development of that opposition.

Comes now an item of bad news from New York City:

"Dr. L. H. King, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City, and for the past thirty years a leading pastor and general officer in the Methodist Episcopal Church, has addressed to the N. A. A. C. P. a communication requesting that organization to take legal steps to restrain, through the courts, that denomination from executing the proposed Plan of Unification adopted by the Methodist General Conference at Columbus, Ohio, last May and handed down to the several Annual Conferences throughout the country for ratification."

Primarily, that is bad news for the Negro, and because it is bad for him, it is bad for all of us.

Legal action of this sort stands a slim chance in the courts, but it stands a mighty good chance of wrecking the spirit of unification and crushing the Negro beneath the ruins.

The third church, Methodist Church, South, is just ready to vote, the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church have already voted favorably.

The effort to block unification will sour the Conferences in the Church and change the large majority that favors it. It may even lead to its defeat, and the blame would go to one place, and only one.

It will discourage the Negro's best friends in the North and tempt them to let the Negro section shift for itself. Thousands of Northern Methodists will say: "We have fought long years for the Negro and we thought we had won for him a truly great advance. If he does not think so, let him carve out his own plan and go to it."

Dr. King's latest move is bad news for the Negro. Let us all hope and pray that the new movement will "die a-bornin'."—Editorial Michigan Christian Advocate.

A GRAND OLD MAN

I have seen the forsaken derelict boat broken and beaten in the sand; I have seen the old house tumbled down, defiled by vultures and inhabited by snakes; but the most desolate, obnoxious and hopeless scene I ever beheld was an old man going on in sin.

I have seen the light of a palatial ship riding the ocean like a portable city; I have seen earth's finest, enduring architecture sparkling under the halo of a springtime sun; but none of them had half the majesty, beauty and promise as that which attends the bearing of an old man in league with God.

Of all finished products, the aged saint is the greatest; more sure is he of his harbor than the greatest ship that sails the sea; more beautiful is the light which shines from his presence than all that shines from the proudest city. Blessed is the youth who covets this crown of glory—the hoary head in the way of righteousness.—Selected.

RE-THINKING REVIVAL OBJECTIVES IN TERMS OF INTEGRATION

By S. A. Maxwell

In the terminology of evangelicalism a revival is an awakening in the Christian church and as such it has very definite characteristics. Out from the awakened church there goes into the community certain moral forces whose value it is difficult to estimate. In Methodism the revival has come to have an unquestioned position as a fruitful and practical method of evangelism. Tradition and sentiment have almost placed it beyond the reach of friendly interrogation as well as critical evaluation. This should not be the case, for when Methodism promotes revivals on such a broad scale, involving so much time and resources and requiring so many leaders it is certainly opportune that we clarify our whole range of objectives, test our methods, and measure our results just as scientifically as possible. The wise local church and the sincere evangelist will welcome such challenge. Just what definite outcomes, both immediate and enduring, should we expect the revival to bring to the local church? How shall we measure our success unless we have clearly defined and measurable goals? How shall we know how to work until we have thoroughly analyzed our objectives? Surely a generalized religious emotionalism, impossible of measurement, periodically staged by the local church, is not what we are seeking? Is not this exactly what too many of our revivals degenerate into unless properly guided? The revival is not a movement that should drift or go unguided by definite goals or escape measurement in terms of genuine achievement. The revival must become the supreme integrating force in the total program of the local church.

First, the revival should create and enrich spiritual perspective. This will immediately involve the personal lives of many people. It will mean shifting the center of motive, changing the ideal, transferring the loyalties, breaking evil habits, and accepting for one's self a definite program of personal and social righteousness. It means being born into the Kingdom of God. The perspective sought is always one which grows dynamically out of the divinely influenced heart. Such a perspective equips one for genuine Christian living. It involves initial surrender, purposeful and resolute decision for Christ which shall lead into fruitful Christian service. Warm desires and strong feelings, however benevolent, are both poor and perilous substitutes for a personal Saviour. Desires and feelings are too unreliable while a personal Saviour is always responsive. Much revival effort is tragically defective in not pressing for decisions and confessions and a most definite committal to Christ. Christians are made in no other way. The Christian life begins at the Cross and works out into all human relationships. It never begins out and works in to Christ. Desire without decision is like seed without soil in which to germinate life. The spiritual perspective will be created by an earnest proclamation of the great doctrine of Christian salvation and the tragic insufficiency of self-improvement programs based only on human wisdom and drawing only on human resources. Let us not shun or obscure "the great transaction" whereby we are enabled joyously to sing, "I am the Lord's and He is mine." If we miss this in the revival we have missed the very cause for its existence. Indeed, we must restore the "happy day that fixed my choice on thee my Saviour and my God."

In the second place, the revival should be so soundly moral and social in all its implications that those making confessions would without delay join the local church. No person ever lives in a wholly solitary relation with God. It is undeniably true that the revival proceeds from "the influence of God in the soul of man," but it is the sharing of experiences that has made the history of the Christian church so amazingly beautiful and helpful. Is it not possible, however, that we have made the focus of our perspective obscure or exclude elements no less essential, especially when we consider the permanent outcomes as well as the immediate results. The changed heart apart from its imperative corollary, joining the church, will soon dissipate its vitality or lose its personal Saviour in harmful and selfish fanaticism. In order to move forward from enlistment to advancement the church is absolutely essential. If there are any Christians outside of the church they are not building the Kingdom of Christ. Paul's great conversion without Paul's great church program would have utterly perished. Peter's sermon at Pentecost resulted in the immediate conversion of thousands. These united with the Christian church without delay. The converted jailer joined the church the same night of his conversion and the Eunuch converted on a journey stopped the chariot to join the Christian church and receive Christian baptism. Both Peter and Paul shared their experiences and proclaimed the Gospel story through the Christian church and

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

The Anti-Saloon League of America will convene in national session at St. Petersburg, Florida, on February 28, and the meeting will continue through March 3.

Mrs. H. Wilson, of Plain Dealing, is pressing the work for the Advocate in her church, and Rev. P. B. McCullen, the pastor, has an able commander for his Advocate campaign.

Mrs. H. B. McEachern, of Haynesville, has the Advocate campaign well under way as evidenced by a list which has just reached the office. We appreciate her loyalty and faithfulness in this work.

Rev. D. B. Boddie is turning Sulphur into a beehive of activity. In his various activities, he is ably assisted by Superintendent H. G. Patterson, who is also chairman of the Local Church Board of Christian Education.

The Advocate office was greatly honored last week by a call from Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr. Mrs. Sexton was returning from a meeting in Nashville, and we appreciate her taking the time to brighten our sanctum for a few brief minutes.

St. Martinville and Jeanerette are making progress under the leadership of Rev. Alvin P. Smith, says our scribe from that section. The church at Jeanerette is undergoing considerable repair and redecoration. The Church School attendance is especially gratifying.

Friends of Dr. Henry T. Carley will regret to learn that he and his family are ill with flu to which is added the very serious complication of an overflow from backwater. To use his own words, "Water a foot deep everywhere." This will explain the absence of Dr. Carley's contribution this week.

Rev. B. C. Taylor, pastor at Homer, gives an enthusiastic report of the Fondren Lectures, by Dr. William A. Brown, at Dallas. He says that his work at Homer has been somewhat handicapped by an epidemic of flu, but that the indications were better at the time of his writing and the school, which had suspended, was beginning work again. He says that oil interests are about to envelop that fair city of North Louisiana.

Capitalizing the success of "Camellia Day," observed by the church at Lafayette recently, the ladies provided another colorful occasion by promoting an "Azalea Day." The church was made into a garden of Azaleas, and Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, a former pastor, was the speaker for the hour. The service was broadcast over KVOL. During the afternoon the young people were hosts to a large group of young folk from Lake Charles. A fellowship lunch followed. The day closed with a message from Rev. A. L. Gilmore, the pastor, on the Christian Home.

ATTENTION, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Board of Church Extension will meet on Tuesday, March 9, 1937, at the First Church in Shreveport, La., at 10 o'clock.

B. H. ANDREWS, Secretary.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

My Dear Dr. Duren: I would like to report the District Missionary Institute held here on February 5.

It might be described as being different from any held heretofore. Brother Bowdon was desirous of having an interesting program; he achieved that aim. Dr. Russell commented upon the initiative and energy of our presiding elder.

The meeting was opened at 10:30 with an interesting devotional led by Mrs. Sidney Fairchild. Following this, Brother Bowdon explained several posters he had made. The most impressive of the posters was one entitled "Take a Look at Yourself." Each charge of the Baton Rouge District was represented. Opposite each name there were figures showing the per capita giving to ministerial support and benevolences. Suffice to say there were only two or three charges that could afford to hold their heads up after seeing these figures. Another impressive poster was one which compared the giving of our Church of nearly three million members, to that of the Seventh Day Adventist of 160,000 members. For missions we gave $1,500,000 and they gave $2,000,000. Their per capita giving was $40 compared to our $8. They tithe; we don't. These posters will be circulated through the District, each charge having them for a week.

Following this part of the program came the missionary message by Dr. R. L. Russell. He delivered an inspiring address, emphasizing the importance of the home and the school and the church as the institution which gives permanence and stability to the home and school. As one listened he heard the echoes of the Missionary Council held recently.

The meeting then recessed for lunch. From lunch we went to the theatre, the use of which was very graciously given us, where Brother Wallace showed some interesting scenes from our mission work in South Louisiana and Africa. Then, back at the church, the Wesley Players of L. S. U., headed by Rev. Joe Brown Love, presented a play depicting the need of our support of the missionary enterprise.

Dr. W. L. Doss explained the Bishops' Crusade, the programs for April 23, 25. He made an appeal for support of our missionary program that was felt by all present.

We had our first quarterly conference here on February 14. We had a good congregation to hear our presiding elder's inspirational sermon. A large number stayed over for the quarterly conference. Plans are under way for the building of a new church in the near future. Mr. DePass is working on the plans at present. We are getting a $1,800 Hammond organ this week in preparation for the new church we will be moving into. We are finding an enthusiasm and loyalty here that makes the heart glad. Sunday morning the church was full, utilizing chairs brought from the Church school. Our night congregations are improving, usually exceeding the hundred mark.

Thirty-seven have been received into the church, and there are many more prospects. The outlook for the year is good. We are as happy in our new work as can be.

CARL F. LUEG.

LOUISIANA YOUNG PEOPLE

On February 14, the Ida Epworth League presented "We Will be Sculptors," by Mrs. Wrenne Bomar, in observance of Inter-Racial Day. The names of Negro men and women who have rendered great service to mankind were brought before the Sunday school in this play. The list included such people as Booker T. Washington, executive and statesman; George W. Carver, scientist; Jan E. Metzelinger, inventor; Matthew Henson, explorer; Roland Hayes, singer; Paul Laurence Dunbar, poet; Martha Drummer, missionary; Mary Bethune, teacher; William De Berry, preacher, and Daniel H. Williams, physician.

The cast was made up of the following Leaguers: Mrs. Herman Herring, the announcer; Damaris Petty, as the engraver in charge of the Chamber of Records, and Lillie Cobb, as her assistant; Mary Lorraine Murphy, Lucille Wise, Edyce Schoolfield, Billy Murphy, Helen Clements, Doris Hawthorne, and Marshall McKinney as the name-bearers.

This program was given in connection with the inter-racial study course on Negro achievement taught by the missionary society.

DAMARIS PETTY.

HELP THE WESTERN ASSEMBLY

A few days ago Supt. S. M. Yancey sent out a letter to friends of the Western Methodist Assembly, requesting them to make gifts for repairs and improvements. He has had a number of gratifying responses, but not yet enough to enable him to do all that the Board authorized him to undertake. The Assembly has become one of our most important institutions and is rendering a great service to the Church. Last year a special effort resulted in paying off a large debt which might have crushed the institution. Now that it is no longer imperilled it deserves the co-operation and liberal support of our people. If you are able, a check on the improvement fund would be appreciated.—Southwestern Christian Advocate.

THOSE FOUR DOLEFUL YEARS

My heart goes out in deepest sympathy to all ex-presiding elders. I almost cry every time I think about them. For some strange reason their whole outlook on life has been altered, and the things which they once loved, they love no more. There was a time when they were happy in the work of the pastorate, but they can never be happy there again. For four years they moved through their districts as those apart from the common crowd. No matter what others thought of them, there was never any doubt as to what they thought of themselves. Of course this recognition came to them unsought and unexpectedly. They much preferred to remain humble pastors, no matter how small the charge, where they could keep in close touch with humanity and feel the heartbeat of their comrades along the way. But of course outstanding ability could not go on forever without being recognized, and so they were lifted out of this small place, where they had been humble servants of the people, and were clothed with authority and crowned with great honor. Now, to lay aside all of this and step down into the pastorate again is more than mortal man could be expected to do—cheerfully and gladly.

For some reason they can't get it out of their thinking and they live ever afterward in the glow of those four wonderful years. I have listened to many of them try to preach, but they never knew what was causing the tears to blind my eyes. As I listened, I could easily detect a deep note of sadness in their message. They seemed to be living in the past and were thinking of those days when life was sweet and the world was a much better place to live in than it is now. Somewhere in almost every sermon they used such expressions as, "When I was presiding elder." "When I was on the district." "When I was a member of the bishop's cabinet." Why do they have to say these things so often?

But, inasmuch as being presiding elder seems to unfit a man for the work of the pastorate, there ought to be some provision made to take care of all ex-elders until the time comes when they can be reappointed to a district. Either this, or so amend the constitution as to permit a man to become a perpetual presiding elder once he has been compelled, against his will, to shoulder the heavy responsibilities of this high office. Do I hear a second to this motion?

Take my own case as an example. I soon will have finished my quadrennium on this district. Now what are they going to do with me when my four years are up? Yes, what are they going to do with me? If you can find out I wish you would please tell me because it has me worried. It would comfort me greatly if I thought the bishop and the other members of his cabinet were worried about it also. But so far, no one has even mentioned the subject to me, neither have I heard of their discussing it among themselves. It may be that they are planning to hand me a beautiful surprise. Any way, their silence has me worried no little.

Several things have presented themselves to me as a way in which I might occupy my time until my re-appointment to another district, but I am not sure that any of them would work satisfactorily or profitably—and whatever I do must be profitable.

For one thing, I could go on a lecture tour and tell the strange story of my experience as a presiding elder. (Something that has never been done before.) But the longer I think about this the less attractive it becomes. In fact it would be down right foolish. I have always felt that any man who stands before an audience ought, above all things, to be honest and tell the truth. But you know that no presiding elder could afford to do that. Can you picture what would happen if some ex-elder were to stand before a congregation and tell the true story of every appointment? Why it would split the whole church and create such hatred and such bitterness that it would take several generations to get over it. No, that's out.

Then, too, I have thought of securing a building and start a training school for prospectve presiding elders. (I think I've got something there.) At the end of the training period I would give each one a certificate stating that he had completed the course and was ready to be appointed to a district at the next session of his Conference. (Yes, I think I've got something there.) But no, that's impossible, for the simple reason that my bank account would not permit me to rent a building that would be large enough to hold all who would desire to attend. Of course I could divide the Conference up into sections and take one or two districts at a time, otherwise the crowd would be too large for me to handle. Then, too, the bishop would object. All of the pastors being away at the same time, the work of the church would suffer.

Really, I don't know what to do and the future is not so bright right now. Perhaps the best thing to do is just to go on, and at the end of my quadrennium, slip quietly back into the pastorate until such time as the law of the Church makes me eligible for re-appointment to another district. During that time I could at least live in the memory of these four wonderful years. Better still, it might be wise for me to so magnify my office and so manifest my powers of constructive leadership that when this job plays out, a still wider field will be waiting for me. At least this is the route I am going to take.

A PRESIDING ELDER.

He will always lack what is best who does not give credit to what others know. —Ruckert.

A recent survey of the missionary work that is being done among the Japanese on the northeast coast of Korea shows an increase in resident members of from 25 to 40 per cent during the past five years.

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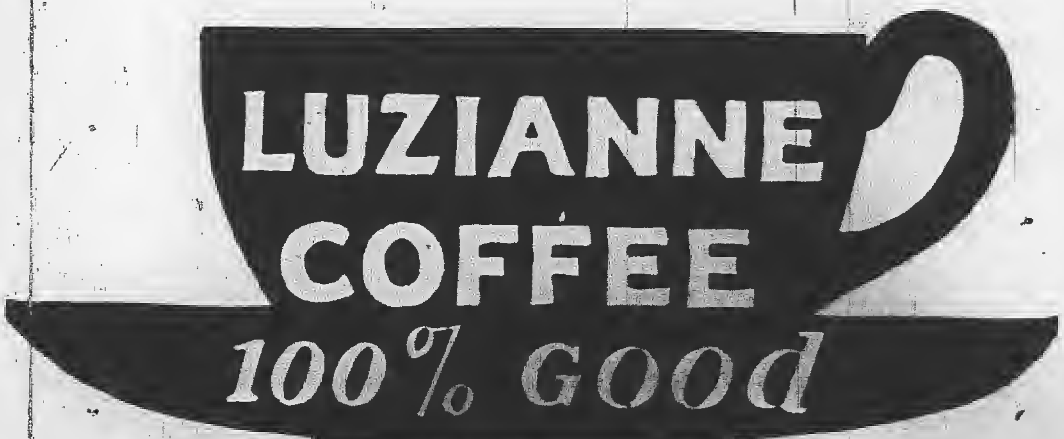

Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

In sending the renewal subscription of E. E. Tucker, Ridgeland, the Advocate prizes the added word of Miss (?) Louise Tucker regarding her esteem for the paper.

Mrs. C. M. Crossley, of Newton, has our thanks for a gracious word concerning the Advocate which she is receiving as a gift from a friend. We trust that we may help to make the friendship of the friend doubly dear.

Rev. H. G. Hawkins is now retired and lives at Canton, but retirement and physical infirmity have not lessened his interest in and zeal for the preservation of the precious records of Methodist history and the marking of historic sites.

Miss Effie Bennett, of Franklin County, passed away at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Foster, last Saturday. She was a sister of Mrs. W. L. Duren and had been practically bed-ridden following a stroke nearly five years ago. Interment was at Ebenezer church the following day. She is survived by three sisters and two brothers—Mrs. Pearl Mullins, Judge R. E. Bennett and J. S. Bennett, beside those already mentioned.

Rev. J. W. Sells, pastor of Court Street, Hattiesburg, is making good use of both organization and publicity in promoting the interest and program of his church. He issued a card announcing his services and sermon subjects for February and March, he is using a combined "Church Attendance Pledge and Record Card," and a recent issue of **The Hattiesburg American** carried two-thirds of a page of publicity which was an expression of the interest and good will of thirty-seven business men and firms of Hattiesburg.

CHURCH EXTENSION NOTICE

The Mississippi Conference Executive Committee of the Church Extension Board will meet at Capitol Street Church, Jackson, Miss., Tuesday, March 9, at 2 p. m.

Write Rev. J. H. Morrow, Madison, Miss., for application blanks. Fill out the application correctly if you want approval.

W. M. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

The courage of truth is the first qualification for philosophic study.—Hegel.

Excess in apparel is costly folly. The very trimming of the vain world would clothe all the naked ones.—William Penn.

RE-THINKING REVIVAL OBJECTIVES IN TERMS OF INTEGRATION

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not independent of the church. In fact, their preaching brought churches into existence. Their hearts were set on building the church and because of this motivating imperative they still transcend all races and geographical limitations and live in the currents of the subsequent centuries. The revival in any local church that fails to secure enlistment of the unchurched is both shallow and selfish. It is cheap religion that does not increase the membership of the Christian church in the community. The revivalist who would magnify religious professions and tacitly encourage indifference to church membership has little place in our work. To minimize the place of the church in Christian living is to invite disaster that will impoverish the heritage of the coming generations. It is not possible to glorify Christ in one sentence and jeer His church in another. In revivalism there is no place for dogmatic, cheap, sarcasm against any of the program or leaders in the church. The revival is no place to publicize ecclesiastical grievances or to settle theoretical scientific questions. The revivalist is there to lift the church high in the esteem of the unchurched in the local community. Do not encourage the foes of the local church by your cheap humor at the expense of the Church of Christ. See that your messages create a deep, zealous, sacrificial loyalty to the complete program of Methodism. If it requires institutions to create, improve, diffuse, and transact the blessings of civilization and culture it does and will continue to require the Christian church in every local community to beget and nurture Christian character and ultimately to redeem the whole earth. The alarming discrepancy between statistics on professions and the record of those actually uniting with the local church calls for serious analysis. As revivalists it is useless for us to whine the old thread-bare subterfuge that all spiritual values are too elusive to be measured. If we can measure professions we can measure unions with the church. The plain and unpleasant fact is, by our reports, we measure both ourselves and the revival results. This discrepancy has aroused the conscience of the church. We ought to close up this tragic gap by doing a better job of preaching. We ought to eliminate this glaring weakness. The outcome of this kind of revival is very disappointing. Is it possible that we are not producing the proper incentive for church membership? By our indifference and our silence are we not actually participating in a condition that cripples the local church and misrepresents the love Christ held for His church? For example, are we making and delivering great messages on the divine origin, the redemptive purpose, the social mission, and the glorious and immortal destiny of the Church. Has the dual purpose of securing decisions for Christ and members for His church become a constant, sustained and driving imperative in all of our revival messages? The revival that divorces these two objectives and hides behind a supposed antipathy for ecclesiastical institutionalism is one that surely grieves our Lord. Nothing should keep us from building His imperishable church among men. It is only by interlinking our experiences and sharing our spiritual resources that we move forward as individuals or are we enabled to witness this truth to the unredeemed world.

Finally, the revival should inspire and vitalize the comprehensive teaching and service program already assumed by the local church. The awakening that brings the enlarged perspective, transforms hearts, and increases the membership of the church must have some dramatically practical outcomes. Many times post-revival seasons leave us lower in vitality, weaker in loyalties, depleted in finance, and looser in service. The revivalist can be definitely remedial in such liability if he is willing to develop for himself a comprehensive, sympathetic, program-wide outlook and interest in the church. He is building with the pastor and the local congregation. He ought to be thoroughly informed on all phases of the work, both denominational and local. Intelligence begets sympathy and makes possible constructive co-operation. The revivalist must be a constant and quick learner. It is no position for pastoral failures and sectarian or dispensational fadists. As evangelists we stand pre-eminently fitted to increase zeal, expand horizons, intensify activities, open fresh sources of inspiration, reveal higher incentives for Christian living, and lead the people to be joyously happy in joining the church and sacrificially sharing her divine mission among men. No pastor can repair the havoc wrought by a shoddy, unsympathetic, eccentric, incomplete revival. Let us this Easter season plan, promote and carry to completion revivals that will produce Christian perspective, change hearts, and unite members to the unfailing church of Christ. Such a revival will make the local church stronger and will lead both the old and new members to an undying loyalty and love and appreciation for the whole program of evangelical Methodism. Only such revival can have the approval of and honor the Unfailing Builder of His Church, our Christ.

Jenkins, Kentucky.

A HORRIBLE TRAGEDY

After the first half of the paper was on the press, we received a letter, delayed in delivery by a National holiday, from Rev. G. A. Morgan, of Winnfield, La., for which we are making room. Brother Morgan states that on last Thursday, fire completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Durham, of Sikes, La., and that their little two-months-old son was burned to death in the flames. No particulars were given other than that the little body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Winnfield following services conducted by Brother Morgan. Mr. Durham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abner Durham of Atlanta, La., and Mrs. Durham is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Sheppard of Hackberry, La. The Advocate shares the sympathy of many friends for those whose hearts have suffered such a tragic bereavement.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Brookhaven Dist.—Second Round

Pearl River Avenue, McComb, Mar. 7, 11 a.m.; May 3, 7:30 p.m.
Brookhaven, Mar. 7, 5 p.m.; Mar. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Hazlehurst, Mar. 14, 11 a.m.; Apr. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Bayou Pierre and Bogue Chitto, at Center Point, Mar. 14, 3 p.m., followed by Q. C.
Scotland, at Bethesda, Mar. 21, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Wesson, Mar. 21, 7:30 p.m.; Q. C. at Beauregard, Apr. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Adams, at Pisgah, Mar. 27, 3 p.m.; Mar. 28, 9:30 a.m.
LaBranch Street, McComb, Mar. 28, 11 a.m.; Apr. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Meadville and Bude, at Meadville, Mar. 28, 7:30 p.m., followed by Q. C.
Harrisville, at Pisgah, Apr. 4, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Centenary, McComb, Apr. 4, 7:30 p.m.; May 26, 7:30 p.m.
Barlow, at Brandywine, Apr. 11, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Gallman, at Gallman, Apr. 11, 7:30 p.m., followed by Q. C.
Magnolia, Apr. 18, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Prentiss, at Bassfield, Apr. 18, 7:30 p.m., followed by Q. C.
Crystal Springs, Apr. 25, 11 a.m.; May 5, 7:30 p.m.
Georgetown, at Oma, Apr. 25, 3 p.m., followed by Q. C.
Silver Creek, at New Hebron, Apr. 25, 7:30 p.m., followed by Q. C.
Monticello and Pleasant Grove, at Pleasant Grove, May 2, 11 a.m. and 1;30 p.m.
Utica, at Carpenter, May 2, 7:30 p.m., followed by Q. C.
Osyka and Fernwood, at Muddy Springs, May 9, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Tylertown, May 9, 7:30 p.m., followed by Q. C.
Summit and Topisaw, at Summit, May 23, 3 p.m.; preaching at 7:30 p.m.
Foxworth, at ———, May 30, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

District Conference will convene at Meadville, April 13, 9 a.m. Pastors, please elect your delegates, mail a list of same to Rev. A. S. Oliver, Meadville, Miss., and to me not later than April 1. See 1936 Journal, page 109, for directions as to number from each pastoral charge.

R. H. CLEGG, P. E.

Hattiesburg Dist.—Second Round

Ellisville, Feb. 28, 11 a.m.; Q. C., May 6, 7:30 p.m.
Laurel, First Church, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.; Q. C., Apr. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Mt. Olive, Mar. 7, 11 a.m.; Q. C., Apr. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Main Street, Mar. 7, 7 p.m.; Q. C., Apr. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Bucatunna, at Clara, Mar. 14, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1:30 p.m.
Laurel, Kingston, Mar. 14, 7 p.m.; Q. C., Apr. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Matherville, at Poplar Springs, Mar. 21, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1 p.m.
Waynesboro, Mar. 21, Q. C. 4 p.m.; preaching 7:30 p.m.
Waynesboro Circuit, at Pleasant Grove, Mar. 28, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1 p.m.
Shubuta, Mar. 28, Q. C. 4 p.m.; preaching 7:30 p.m.
Magee, Apr. 4, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1:30 p.m.
Broad Street, Apr. 4, 7 p.m.; Q. C., May 4, 7:30 p.m.
New Augusta, at McLain, Apr. 7, preaching and Q. C., 7 p.m.
Williamsburg, at Santee, Apr. 11, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1:30 p.m.
Seminary, at Bethel, Apr. 11, Q. C. 4 p.m.; preaching 7 p.m.
Richton, at Ovett, Apr. 18, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1:30 p.m.
Collins, Apr. 18, Q. C. 4 p.m.; preaching 7:30 p.m.
District Conference at Broad Street, Apr. 21-22, 9 a.m.
Bonhomie, Apr. 25, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1:30 p.m.
Petal, at Dixie, Apr. 25, Q. C. 4 p.m.; preaching, 7:30 p.m.
Bay Springs, at Stringer, May 2, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1:30 p.m.
Moselle, at Mt. Zion, May 2, Q. C. 4 p.m.; preaching, 7 p.m.
Montrose, at Read's Chapel, May 9, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1 p.m.
Heidelberg, at Sandersville, May 9, Q. C. 4 p.m.; preaching, 7 p.m.
Laurel, West, May 16, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1:30 p.m.
Taylorsville at Taylorsville, May 16, 7 p.m.; Q. C., May 17, 10 a.m.
Sumrall, at Sumrall, May 23, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1:30
Court Street, May 23, 7:30 p.m.; Q. C., May 7, 7:30 p.m.

The pastors will elect their delegates to the District Conference which convenes at Broad Street Church, Hattiesburg, Apr. 21, at 9 o'clock, and send me names and addresses not later than April 1.

W. B. ALSWORTH, P. E.

Meridian Dist.—Second Round

Fifth Street, Meridian, Mar. 7, 11 a.m.; Mar. 10, 7:30 p.m.
East End, Meridian, Mar. 7, 7:30 p.m.; Mar. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Quitman, Mar. 14, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Hawkins Memorial, Meridian, Mar. 14, 7:30 p.m.; Mar. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Daleville, at Soule's Chapel, Mar. 21, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Wesley, Meridian, Mar. 21, 7:30 p.m.; Mar. 24, 7:30 p.m.
Poplar Springs, at Marion, Mar. 28, p.m.
Central, Meridian, Apr. 4, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; May 10, 7:30 p.m.
Lauderdale, at Electric Mills, Apr. 4, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia Circuit, at Cook's Chapel, Apr. 10, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Apr. 11, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia, First Church, Apr. 11, 11 a.m.; Apr. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland, at Lynwood, Apr. 18, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Burnside, at Hope, Apr. 18, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Enterprise, at Enterprise, Apr. 25, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Chunky, at Meehan, Apr. 25, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Pachuta, at McGowan's Chapel, Apr. 28, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Newton, May 2, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Union, May 2, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
DeKalb, at Pleasant Ridge, May 9, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Porterville, at Briggs Chapel, May 9, 3:30 p.m.
Rose Hill, at Paulding, May 16, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Decatur and Hickory, at Hickory, May 23, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Vimville,at Bonita, May 23, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Scooba, at Binnsville, May 30, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
DeSoto, at ———, June 6, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The District Conference will convene at Rose Hill at 9 a.m., April 21-22, 1937. It is earnestly hoped that every pastor will have in hand at least half of the benevolences by that time, and it would be great to have it in full. Let that be our aim.

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. E. H. Carter occupied his pulpit at Arcola on February 14 for the first time since he was struck by an automobile just before Christmas.

Rev. L. C. Lawhon says that the people of Carrollton charge have received him graciously and are standing by him in his efforts for the church and the kingdom.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Nash Broyles have been ill with flu. Dr. Broyles missed a Sunday from his pulpit, but he was improved at last report. Mrs. Broyles was still quite sick.

Though the Greenville District has the smallest membership in the North Mississippi Conference, it led last year both in the amount paid on benevolences and in gain in membership.

First Church, Aberdeen, was host to the regional meeting of Christian Workers recently. Rev. Roy Grisham, Extension Secretary of Christian Education, led a very helpful discussion.

Rev. T. F. Sartain, Greenwood Springs, reports a good year in progress at his place. One-half of the acceptance for Benevolences is already in hand, and his Advocate campaign is under way also.

Rev. T. E. Gregory sends a list of subscriptions for the Advocate and reports progress at Kosciusko. He speaks very appreciatively of the work being done by Rev. L. P. Wasson on the Columbus District.

The Board of Stewards of Chester charge took advantage of the large number of their members present for the opening of court in Choctaw County, and collected a month's salary for the pastor, Rev. E. M. Allen.

Rev. Shed Hill Caffey is delivering a series of sermons for young people at First Church, Greenwood, during the month of February. The evening hour is given to the series and great throngs of both old and young attend.

Rev. J. J. Baird, pastor at Cleveland, sends a list of subscriptions in which a member of his church includes a subscription for a superannuate. The gift is hereby acknowledged and the superannuate has been designated.

Schlater and Cruger, under the capable direction of Rev. W. D. Bennett, is making a good start for the new year. There is a fine spirit of co-operation throughout, and Mr. E. M. Birdsong, chairman of the charge Board, is giving good leadership.

Rev. H. P. Lewis writes that Charleston Methodism is on the up-grade and that there has been a decided improvement along all lines of church activity since Conference. Rev. Jeff Cunningham, of Ripley, is to be with him in revival services early in April.

Rev. J. A. George is said to be having large congregations at Amory. At the first quarterly conference payments were in full to date, $250 had been paid on Benevolences, District assessment was paid in full, and four Life Memberships had been given by the Missionary Society.

Rev. George D. York, pastor at Price Memorial, Greenwood, is giving a good account of himself in that newly organized charge. His congregations are growing and he has just finished a Training Class in which Rev. Roy Grisham, Conference Extension Secretary, was instructor.

Rev. M. S. Brantley, who is in his first year in the pastorate, says that he is putting on a visiting campaign on Mashulaville circuit and is carrying it through with great joyfulness. He reports increasing attendance at every service and increasing pleasure on the part of the pastor.

Doddsville church, of Ruleville and Doddsville charge, Rev. W. M. Campbell pastor, pays all financial claims quarterly. At the first quarterly conference, all finances were reported in full, including Benevolences for the quarter. Mr. Calvin Johnson makes possible the maintenance of this good record.

Rev. J. E. Stephens writes that his work has been disturbed by the water threat which has been hanging over that section, but now, that the worst seems to be over, confidence and congregations are on the upturn. Brother Stephens reports a good congregation on February 14, and a Church School attendance of three hundred.

The monthly meeting of the Aberdeen District preachers was held at Aberdeen, First Church. There was excellent attendance and a good meeting. The theme of the meeting was "Church Attendance," and the good effect of the Bishops' Crusade at Jackson was manifest. Rev. G. R. Meaders, of Derma, brought a stirring message.

Verona charge is making progress under the leadership of Rev. C. A. Northington. The Superannuate collection amounted to $24 and the parsonage has been refurnished—Verona taking the living room, Palmetto the dining room, and Plantersville the kitchen. Plantersville church has also provided 78 copies of the New Hymnal for use in its worship.

Bishop Dobbs has promised to preach at the dedication of the church at Hollandale on the morning of April 4, and to perform a like service for the Leland church in the evening of the same day. Rev. W. C. Galceran, Jr., and Rev. R. G. Moore are the happy and hustling pastors of these two progressive churches, though the debt at Hollandale was paid under the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Galceran, Sr.

The preachers of Columbus District held their February meeting at Starkville, and the theme, "The Place of Preaching in the Program of the Church," was discussed by Rev. J. W. Robertson, of Macon, and Rev. T. E. Gregory, of Kosciusko. A round-table discussion followed. Rev. W. N. Dodds, of Central Church, Columbus, preached, using the question: "Lovest thou me more than these?" for a text.

Mrs. J. H. Beeman, President of the Woman's Missionary Society of Ackerman church, is in a Columbus hospital for an operation for appendicitis. The latest news is that she stood the operation well and has every prospect of a speedy recovery. Mrs. Beeman has been a large factor in keeping her society consistently on the honor roll for a number of years, and under her capable leadership the local society has prospered greatly.

A group of young men from the Y. M. C. A. at Mississippi State College had charge of the service at Ackerman last Sunday night. The program, according to report of the pastor, Rev. A. Y. Brown, included musical numbers and talks on themes of vital interest to young people. This work at the State College is under the direction of Mr. T. B. Fatheree, Secretary of the College Y. M. C. A. and also chairman of the Board of Stewards of Starkville church.

Dr. W. P. Buhrman, presiding elder of Aberdeen District, who has made quite a reputation for the accuracy of his information regarding the work in his field, says that progress is being made in many of the charges on payments for the Benevolences. Among these charges are, Aberdeen, Algoma, Amory, Becker, Calhoun City, Derma, Greenwood Springs, Mathiston and Maben, Paris, Pontotoc, Tremont, Water Valley, Main St., Water Valley, First Church, and Shannon.

Rev. Melville Johnson and the Starkville Methodists are sponsoring a Young People's Fellowship evening for about fifty representatives each of M. S. C. W. and Mississippi State College. Both the social and the spiritual will be featured, and the move has the sympathetic support of both institutions. The pastor and his people seek to offer something of a more wholesome nature in place of the worldly types of amusements to which college students are more or less abandoned.

Tchula, one of the new station charges of the North Mississippi Conference, is making good progress with the year's program, notwithstanding the illness of the pastor, Rev. A. R. Beasley. They have paid two yearly installments on their church debt since Conference and all finances were in full at the first quarterly conference. Mr. Edgar Mayfield is chairman of the Board and Mrs. E. O. Nixon, a member of the Board, looks after raising the budget, and it always comes in full. Mr. E. O. Nixon is chairman of the Board of Trustees and directs the campaign for the payment of the church debt.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR SUPERANNUATES, NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Rev. W. H. Mounger, treasurer of the Conference Board of Finance, makes the following report on the Christmas offering for the superannuates of North Mississippi Conference:

Columbus, First Church, $40.85; Columbus, Central, $12.60; Victoria, $6; Houlka, $6; Schlater, $13; Cleveland, $50; Shelby, $20; Merigold, $9; Lexington, $45.30; Marks, $19.05; Shuqualak, $5; Smithville, $3; Boyle, $5; Durant, $18; Winterville, $14.25; Tupelo, $230.50; Calhoun City, $36; Shaw, $17; Arcola and Murphy, $7.10; Sunflower, $30; Toccopola, $6.25; Greenwood, $220.04; Cruger, $7.66; Acona, $8; Carrollton, $19.85; Holly Springs, $12.

Fulton, $8.01; Lula, $20.50; Olive Branch, $24.85; West Point, $13.25; Black Hawk, $6; Iuka, $21; Houston, $16; Leland, $20; Belzoni, $32.81; Duncan, $41; Como, $24.14; Indianola, $20; Pittsboro and Bruce, $14; Starkville, $31.09; Water Valley Second Church, $15; Sardis, $25; Algoma, $5.61; Kosciusko, $20; Sherman, $10.73; Abbeville, $14; Charleston, $17; Louisville, $31.50; Itta Bena, $23; Dubbs, $12.60; Sturgis, $8; Crawford, $10; Grenada, $50; Glen Allen, $14; Swiftown, $15.50; Longtown, $3.20; Verona, $24; Ruleville, $20; Kilmichael, $12; Kossuth, $12.75; Isola, $7.25; Tunica, $25.

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$68.50 has been sent to each of the twenty-nine claimants, making a total of $1,986.50 expended and leaving a balance of $12.78.

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Three checks for $5 each were sent and specially directed. Two of these were from Itta Bena and one from West Point.

W. H. MOUNGER,
Secty. and Treas.

On behalf of our worthy superannuates I wish to thank the pastors and their people for a generous response to this worthy cause.

A. T. McILWAIN,
Conference Director.

NO HAPPY BACKSLIDERS

Come now, backslider, tell me, are you happy? Have you had one happy hour since you left Christ? Does the world satisfy you, or those husks that you have got in the far country? I have traveled a good deal, but I never found a happy backslider in my life. I never knew a man who was really born of God that ever could find the world to satisfy him afterwards. Do you think the Prodigal Son was satisfied in that foreign country? If a man has been born again, and has received the heavenly nature, this world can never satisfy the cravings of his nature. Oh, backslider, I pity you! But I want to tell you that the Lord Jesus pities you a good deal more than anyone else can. He knows how bitter your life is; he knows how dark your life is; he wants you to come home. Oh, backslider, come home today! I have a loving message from your father.—D. L. Moody.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Greenville Dist.—Second Round

Indianola, Feb. 21, a.m., preaching; Q. C., Apr. 14, p.m.
Mattson, Feb. 28, a.m.; Alligator, p.m.
Lula, Mar. 7, a.m.; Jonestown, p.m.
Dubbs, Mar. 14, a.m.; Tunica, p.m.
Murphy, Mar. 21, a.m.; Leland, p.m.
Avon, Mar. 28, a.m.; Greenville, p.m.; Q. C., Apr. 28.
Lyon, Apr. 11, a.m.; Clarksdale, p.m.
Benoit, Apr. 18, a.m.; Pace, p.m.
Cleveland, Apr. 25, a.m.; Shaw, p.m.
Sherard, May 2, a.m.; Shelby, p.m.
Gunnison, May 9, a.m.
Missionary Institute, Cleveland, Mar. 9, 9:30 a.m.

Educational Institutes for Church School workers, Clarksdale, Mar. 30; Merigold, Mar. 31; Leland, Apr. 1, all meetings at 10:30 a.m.

Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, of Shreveport, La., is expected to dedicate the church at Hollandale on the morning of April 4, and the Leland church on the evening of the same day.

J. R. COUNTISS, P. E.

Vicksburg Dist.—Second Round

Yazoo City, Mar. 7, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Eden, at Lentonia, Mar. 7, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Mayersville, at Grace, Mar. 14, 11 a.m.
Vicksburg, Crawford Street, Mar. 21, 10 a.m.; Mar. 23, 7:30 p.m.
Vicksburg, Gibson Memorial, Mar. 21, 11 a.m.; Apr. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Nebo, at Oak Grove, Mar. 28, 11 a.m.
Roxie, at McNair, Mar. 28, 3 p.m.
Gloster, at Union, Apr. 4, 2:30 p.m.
Rolling Fork and Cary, at Rolling Fork, Apr. 11, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Anguilla, at Catchings, Apr. 11, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Louise and Holly Bluff, at Holly Bluff, Apr. 18, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Silver City, at Carter, Apr. 18, 3:30 p.m.
Edwards, at Learned, Apr. 25, 11 a.m.
Oak Ridge, at Bovina, Apr. 25, 3 p.m.
Woodville, May 2, 11 a.m.
Centerville, at Centerville, May 2, 3 p.m.
Fayette, May 9, 11 a.m.
Lorman, May 9, 3 p.m.
Hermanville, at Pattison, May 16, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Port Gibson, May 16, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Satartia, at Mt. Olivet, May 23, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Washington, May 30, 11 a.m.
Natchez, May 30, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Vicksburg district conference will be held at Rolling Fork, Miss., April 14-15. The conference will open on the morning of the 14th, at 9 o'clock.

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, FEBRUARY 28

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

THE NEW COMMANDMENT

With the shortening days of Jesus' ministry there came evidence of the widening sweep of his power and influence. His disciples rejoiced that certain devout Greeks desired to see him, while his enemies cried in despair: "The world is gone after him." It was a season of paradoxes, of plaudits and persecution, of humiliation and exaltation. His hour had come, indeed, but it was not an hour to be spent in idle parade and empty ecstacy, but in solemn contemplation and explanation of the deeper meanings of life and glory. The glory of life is in reproduction, and that is a process of giving, of dying. Only through apparent defeat can Jesus attain certain triumph; only through temporary loss can there be permanent gain. If the Greeks heard these words about service through sacrifice, of gain through loss, of life through death, they must have been more than surprised at the strange new Teacher, for the Greeks had other and contrary ideas of honor and success. For them it was glory to acquire and to rule; for Jesus it was to renounce and to serve. And that is the law of nature. The lower must die that the higher may live, the plant for the animal, the body for the spirit. The life of ease must be sacrificed if there is to be a life of worthy achievement.

This is not an easy way for us. It was not easy for Jesus. He made no pretense that it was easy. On the contrary, every nerve and fiber of his being shrank from the agony of pain and the torture of the cross. His flesh cried out for deliverance, for ease, for life. His spirit yearned for the glory of God, for the salvation of man, and the Spirit won. For this cause he had come to this hour, and the cause was worth the cost. In the confusion of that tragic season, some said that it thundered, others that an angel spoke. Jesus calmly declared, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." He had won the victory over the prince of this world, over the powers of selfishness and arrogance, of hatred and envy, and he won it by the superior power of unselfish love and sacrificial service. Nothing else draws men like that, and its attraction increases with each step of the world's progress. Life is relationship, and to live greatly is to be absorbed in great and worthy relations. No life is small unless it be invested in trivial and unworthy activities.

The first commandment demands that we love God with all the heart; the second that we love our neighbor as ourselves; the new commandment that we love one another as Jesus has loved us. "Greater love hath no man than this." Greater love there cannot be. The love one has for himself may be faulty, for all the good it is intended to attain; but the love of Christ for the human race is perfect, both in the ends desired and in the methods pursued. There is in it nothing of selfishness or of sin. It is a love that never fails and never gives up. "Having loved his own, he loved them to the end"—to the uttermost. His followers are to go and do likewise.

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The Christian Fireside

FROGGIE WOULD A-TRAVELING GO

(A True Story)

By Winifred E. Rich

He lived in a good, safe swamp where he could see in all directions and if danger approached could dive into a thick mud-hole out of sight. But the swamp was drying up, and the juicy flies and bugs had mostly left for new playgrounds. So, in spite of a little warning voice deep down inside himself which spoke of danger ahead, he hopped out of the swamp, across the road and found a cool, mossy place where the water-trough overflow ran all day long. No danger of going dry or hungry here. What a perfectly delightful time he had for two or three days!

Then, one hot afternoon, a shudder of fear came over him as he saw, not a foot away, a big spotted snake with a wicked gleam in its eyes. He tried to spring back into the trough which was just behind him, but his hind foot tangled in a bit of brush and he couldn't get away. The snake came closer.

"Help! Help!" called the frog. (I know he did, for I heard him from where I sat on the porch, and sent Oren to see what was the matter).

Now despair overcame him, for here was his worst enemy—a boy with a stick. Then he say that the boy was trying to drive the snake away. Very gently the boy released the imprisoned foot. Froggie dived under the bridge planks and lay there with quivering heart.

Maybe he's still in the ditch, or maybe the snake eventually swallowed him, but we hope he returned safely to the swamp hole and will live to tell his great-grandchildren of his exciting adventure and that there are some boys who are friends to frogs and even snakes.—Our Dumb Animals.

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—Christian Observer.

SLANG MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The mother of a minister, who is a member of another church, tells this story. In her young days she lived in a central Louisiana town, to which a young and handsome unmarried Methodist preacher was assigned. All the girls, including herself, became very much interested in the young minister, and some of other denominations joined his church.

One Sunday the young minister delivered a very beautiful sermon on the wonderful things that God had made. The stars, the sun, the moon, rivers, lakes and trees all came in for a turn of descriptive eloquence. Then he said that the greatest of all His creations is man, and added: "Think of it, the God who made me made a daisy." He was surprised by the ripple of amusement which was too evident to be overlooked. Popular speech had lifted the daisy from its lowly bed and the preacher, therefore, instituted a comparison which was not even in his thought.

HE SOUGHT A REBATE

Some years ago the pastor of a city church was at work in his study when the door bell interrupted his quiet. Going to the door, he met upon the threshold a young man whom he did not know. The young fellow was manifestly ill at ease, no new experience to pastors, but this time it was for a different reason than that which the pastor imagined. The young man was invited into the office and there he unbosomed himself in the following conversation:

"Who is the pastor of the church around the corner?"

"I am the pastor," was the answer.

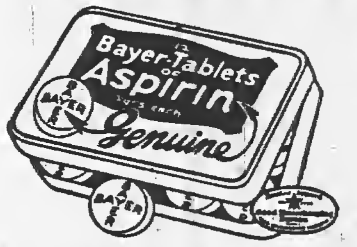
"Well, you are not the man who was here, are you?"

"I have been here only a few months. Before that time, Dr.——— was the pastor, but he is no longer in the city."

"He is the man I wanted to see. You see, he married me and I gave him a rather handsome fee. I also made substantial donations to several causes which he presented. Since that time, my wife has quit me, and I wondered if he would not be willing to give a part of the marriage fee back to me."

"Well, I am afraid that I will be unable to help you, since I did not participate in the gift."

With that, a crest-fallen young man passed through the doorway which a few minutes before he had entered in bewilderment, but with hope.



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The pastor made no inquiry as to how the impression was created, but for one of his audience, at least, the sermon went in the wrong direction.

Examples would indeed be excellent things, were not people so modest that none will set them and so vain that none will follow them.—Hare.

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Methodist Women

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
1574 Jefferson Avenue, New Orleans, La.

The Louisiana Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society will convene in Homer, La., April 6, 7 and 8, for its twenty-seventh annual session. All auxiliaries should elect their delegates at the March meeting. Please take note of the change that was made at the last session of the Conference in Standing Rule No. 10. It now reads: "Representation at annual meetings shall be one delegate for each sixty members or fraction thereof. This entitles each auxiliary, however small, to one delegate." This change of one delegate for every sixty members instead of forty, as has been in previous years, was necessary because of the difficulty of housing so large a body.

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The annual meeting of the advisory board of MacDonell French Mission School was held at the School on February 17. The president, Mrs. J. A. Pharr, of Berwick, presided. The following were in attendance: Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.; Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Mrs. J. A. Chambers, Rev. E. C. Gunn and Rev. A. D. George. Mrs. D. B. Carre was detained at home because of the "flu."

The Spiritual Life Message is contributed this month by Mrs. H. N. Brown, Spiritual Life Director of the Alexandria District. It is as follows:

"After attending the great Missionary Council meeting in New Orleans, it occurred to me that now is a good time for the women of the Church and missionary societies to help in this world-wide crusade begun by our Bishops.

"Of course, there are many ways to help, but there is one way that is available to each one who prays or will pray. For some time our leaders have urged a deeper spiritual life among our missionary women, and Spiritual Life Groups have been formed in many places. Their wish, however, is to have a Spiritual Life Group in each auxiliary.

"To that end we have our State Superintendent and helpers in the various Districts who are trying to impress the importance of these groups throughout the state. It surely would be a cause for rejoicing if each auxiliary president would make a whole-hearted effort to form a Spiritual Life Group among her members, so that our communities may be made better, and our state be raised to a higher plane of Christian living."

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

I wish that I could talk Scarritt Associates to every person, man or woman, who reads this column. For a year now we have been hearing of Scarritt Associates in Zone, District, and Conference meetings, along with having it before our eyes nearly every week in this column. We surely know what a Scarritt Associate is but are we interested enough to enroll? Council is only three weeks away—a time when we shall have to report as to whether our quota has been reached. At this date it has not, and I am appealing to all who have any interest in Scarritt to express that interest by sending me a donation that I may enroll you as a Scarritt Associate.

The following lines are taken from Mr. Moreland's last letter:

"We are delighted that we are marching toward our goal. The first thousand Associates had been enrolled by December 15. And we are moving as steadily toward the securing of the second thousand as we write. It is significant that more than half of the Associates enrolled to date have come from less than half a dozen Conferences. We are glad to report that the number of men who are being enrolled as Scarritt Associates is growing constantly. Their number should be multiplied many times. Perhaps they are more eager to know about Scarritt than we have ever imagined. As we enter upon the second term of the new year we are delighted to report the largest enrollment in Scarritt's history, including fifty-two furloughed workers, nationals from Mexico, Japan, China, and Korea, and students from more than twenty states."

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In Memoriam

RESOLUTIONS ON THE PASSING OF JACOB COHEN

At a meeting of the board of stewards, held October 5, 1914, after reviewing his work covering a period of twenty-seven years, Brother Jacob Cohen stated that failure of his eyesight and general nervous breakdown made it imperative that he tender his resignation as treasurer. Since that time his membership on the board and as trustee continued actively until the day of his death, December 7, 1936, thus rounding out fifty years of service that he gave unreservedly to our congregation.

Therefore be it resolved by the Board of Stewards of Carrollton Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South, That we revere the memory of Jacob Cohen, who served his church well and faithfully to the end.

Resolved, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his good wife, and that the secretary of this Board be instructed to convey to her our sincere appreciation of the devotion and faithful service which her noble husband gave our church.

Resolved, that a page in the official minutes be set apart for these resolutions, that a copy be sent to Mrs. Jacob Cohen, and that a copy be sent to the New Orleans Christian Advocate for publication.

Signed: CHAS. O. CHALMERS,
Adopted Feb. 3, 1937. Committee.

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MRS. CALLIE ALLEN

Mrs. Callie Allen was born September 20, 1856, in Lee County, Miss. At the age of 16 years she united with the M. E. Church, South, as one of the charter members of Bethlehem church, later called Athens Chapel, and was a loyal, faithful member of this church for fifty-nine years. Four years ago she moved her membership to Tupelo. Sixty-three years she served her Lord and Master.

She was a quiet, unassuming person, always accepting life's crosses as they came to her, and was submissive to God's will in everything. As a wife and mother, she was patient, gentle, loving, and as a friend and neighbor, sympathetic, helpful and true. She always looked on the bright side, offering courage and comfort to the discouraged and sorrowing, and ever looking for the good in others and for the beautiful things in life. As a Christian, she walked daily near the Cross. She was injured in the tornado of April 5, 1936, and on April 22, sixteen days later, passed to her reward.

She had been a subscriber for the New Orleans Christian Advocate for about thirty-five years. Of her six children, four died in childhood and infancy; two daughters and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive, who will always cherish her memory and rise up to call her blessed.

The one we loved so dear is gone;
Her voice in death is stilled.
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

Her daughters,
MRS. W. D. PAYNE,
MRS. J. E. CARR.

THOMAS WYATT BEVILL

Thomas Wyatt Bevill was born in Claiborne Parish, La., on November 10, 1851. His father died in 1861, leaving him the oldest of the children. Many hardships came to them in those hard years, and early in life he learned to bear a man's burden. The family moved to Texas in 1869. He was married to Miss Sarah Posey on March 13, 1873. Six children were born to them, three of whom preceded him to the other life, and three are left behind—John H. Bevill, Mrs. B. S. Patman, of Chickasha, Oklahoma, and Mrs. R. L. McCarkle, of Gladwater, Texas.

After more than forty-two years together his wife passed on to the other life, on September 2, 1916. He was married the second time to Miss Harriett Akin, on February 23, 1919. In 1920 they moved back to Louisiana, and lived within half a mile of where he was born until his death, on September 28, 1936. Brother Bevill was a strong man physically, mentally and spiritually. His physical strength carried him through eighty-five laborious years, active to the last hour. He had a clear understanding of the basic principles of business, civic and Christian life. His Christian experience was living, vital, and permanent. He loved God, his Word and his World. He loved the church, her work and fellowship. He loved and sang the great hymns, and would sing no other. His last night on earth, as his custom was, he sang in the evening worship; the hymn was, "What wondrous love is this, O my soul," and was shouting happy when he came to the last strain, "And when to death I'm come, I'll sing on." Busy and happy all the next day, all his labors done, sitting in his chair talking with his wife, without a sigh he went away to join the angel chorus in the song of Moses and the Lamb.

W. E. AKIN.

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America's material needs at this time may be great, but her spiritual needs are greater. Many church leaders feel that our spiritual needs are greater now than ever. Only a mighty revitalization of the nation's spiritual life, according to Roger Babson, can bring a prosperity to America that will be permanent.

The publication and distribution of THE UPPER ROOM, as a daily devotional guide for the home, is a movement to undergird and lift the level of the moral and spiritual life of the Nation. We believe THE UPPER ROOM, with a present circulation of more than 700,000, is making a very definite contribution to a nationwide spiritual revival.

FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 1

"O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning." Isa. 33: 2. (Read Matt. 14: 22-33.)

WE need strength at the beginning of the day. Are you saying: "Why at the beginning? Then, if ever, we feel refreshed after rest and ready for the work of the day." Therein lies the danger. We are strong. Why ask God to be our arm? We feel able to meet any emergency. We chafe at delay. A motion was introduced in a young people's convention "that we make the devotions 'snappy' because we have a lot of work to do." That does not sound like Isaiah: "We have been waiting for Thee; be our strong arm, morn after morn" (Moffatt).

The arm means action, protection, power, and service. God will be all of these to us if we are willing to "wait" for Him. Before the most important battles of his military campaigns, Napoleon's generals were wont to go to army headquarters and silently grip the hand of their leader. In that brief handclasp, the commander seemed to communicate his own strength and courage to his associates. He became an arm of power for their day!

PRAYER

O God, teach us that our strength is weakness unless it comes from Thee. May the song of the soul through the hours of this day be the glad refrain: "Sufficient is thine arm alone and our defense is sure." Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Man on the Cross reveals the God of the Everlasting Arms. **Glenn Randall Phillips.**

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Happy Birthday!

WILLIAM BOATNER REILY

William B. Reily was born at Wilson, East Feliciana Parish, La., March 6, 1859. The family moved to Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, when he was about six years old and there he grew up. When he was nineteen years of age he started as clerk for J. S. Handy, general merchant, with whom he remained eight years. He then engaged in business for himself in the town of Bastrop. About 1889, he moved to Monroe and established a grocery business there. In 1903, he came to New Orleans and organized Reily-Taylor & Co., now Wm. B. Reily & Co., Inc. Mr. Reily has achieved great business success, for all these many years he has been a staunch, upright and public-spirited citizen. To his personal character, is added the adornment of a worthy philanthropy, he is a loyal and devoted Methodist, and a noble ally of every good cause.

Wallet of the Week

THE NEW CABINET OF GENERAL HAYASHI is said to reveal another angle of the curious part which Japan plays in international affairs. The new leader does not appear to be an extreme militarist, but he is an army man and that means much in Japan. His Minister of War is a staunch advocate of army policies and it is claimed that his entire cabinet is a concession to army prejudices. It is likely that military levies will be heavy in the land of the Mikado, and particularly so since the Government must face China unified as she never has been before.

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THE PLAY, GREEN PASTURES, does not seem to be having easy going as a candidate for religious movie honors in England. The Cinema Christian Council, of which the Bishop of Canterbury is president, thinks that, while it could be generally approved as a moving and reverent representation of Old Testament religion, the film has various points open to serious criticism, and it was unanimously agreed that the picture is unsuitable for children. That judgment is a far cry from an American opinion that the production ranks favorably with the Passion Play.

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DR. ROBERT E. SPEER, at the age of seventy years, has retired from the Secretaryship of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and he also severed official connection with the Foreign Missions Conference at its recent session in Asbury Park, N. J. He had been closely identified with the Conference for forty-six years, and for a whole generation he has been one of the most conspicuous and effective figures of the missionary movement in America. He retires with honor, but his going leaves a pang in the hearts of those who have long followed his courageous Christian leadership.

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THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED in the United States, according to a statement credited to Mr. Harry L. Hopkins, probably has a normal level of around five million. That would be about one out of every twenty-five of the whole population. In his "The Realities of Unemployment," Mr. Hopkins gives a very sensible summary of the situation, and one can at least know that it will be a problem for years to come, as it has been a growing problem in the years that are past. Relief agencies may temporize with it, but its final solution will necessitate some sane and constructive planning, probably over a long period of years.

MR. ROGER BABSON, as Moderator of the General Council of the Congregational-Christian Churches, is applying his business training and methods in the analysis of the religious problem which confronts him. He reports that seventy-five per cent of the pews of their churches are vacant and that fifty-eight per cent of the members are not supporting the churches. He finds the lowest attendance average in the area from New York to the District of Columbia, where the attendance is thirty-eight per cent. The highest average is in the Southeastern states—seventy-eight per cent.

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THE CITY OF WASHINGTON was laid out by Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, but little of the beauty of which he dreamed was realized for a century. Then it fell to Alexander R. Shepherd to translate the vision of L'Enfant into reality. For his labor and his sacrifices, he was driven from his city beautiful by critics who maligned him, and in the mines of Mexico the poverty-stricken benefactor of the Capital City, sought to rebuild his personal fortune. Today his likeness in bronze stands on Pennsylvania Avenue and receives the homage to which the man himself was justly entitled. Such is fame.

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THE WORLD WAR is not only a tragic recollection of the human race, but it has had a long aftermath in the hunt for unexploded shells on the farms of the battlefields in France. It is said that in the last six years, the company clearing the fields has gathered and destroyed over a million and a half of such shells, and the perilous task is not yet finished. The bloody world strife will doubtless have many echoes and garner many victims on the field where the surging tides of battle swept back and forth nearly two decades agone.

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CHENGTU AND CHUNGKING, China, two cities approximately a thousand miles inland, are soon to be connected by a railway line. The distance between the two cities, three hundred miles, is unimportant, but the railway is important as revealing a changed attitude and outlook for that Empire of undiscovered resources. The territory to be developed is said to be one of the richest districts in China, and the new enterprise is the largest project yet undertaken by the China Development Finance Corporation. The New Nationalist Government is showing both stability and wisdom in its development and control of the interests of the unified China.

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EDITORIAL

THE UNJUST JUDGE

The parable of the Unjust Judge is one of the most incisive analyses of human motive and action that ever fell from the lips of Jesus. The only characteristic which God and the unjust judge have in common is the time element in making response to the suppliant. All else is a contrast as absolute and cutting as black and white. Jesus says an unprincipled man was a judge and to that venal official came a defenceless widow seeking redress for wrongs which were being inflicted upon her. But the complacent judge would not hear her plea. Then, like the Prodigal Son and the Unjust Steward, Luke has the judge interpret himself: "Well, after all I have no reverence for God and no respect for man, but this woman is liable to give me a black eye"—the word translated "weary" means to strike under the eye. "I will grant her plea and be rid of her." Jesus clearly means to say that the motive for his deed was wholly a concern for personal ease and reputation, the judge was fixing a screen for himself against the harm that might be caused him by a defenceless widow. There was no adjudication of the widow's cause, for there was no recognition of right and, therefore, no outgo of the sense of justice. The judge was simply an irresponsible derelict in a great place, and he was an obstruction to justice. The very stage setting of the decision indicates that the judge was devoid of virtue and honor and his act, though in favor of the widow, was stripped of authority. It should not be imagined that Jesus was just drawing a ring around an individual officer; he was meaning to say that justice and the moral integrity of the judge are one and inseparable. Without the recognition of the source of all truth and righteousness, the very forms of justice are but pharisaical mockery. An unprincipled man may be thrust into the seat of the mighty and he may be clothed with the ermine of judicial authority, but such trappings cannot confer upon him the power to become the instrument of justice or the mouthpiece of God. The will of God and the interests of humanity are indissolubly bound together. A judge may fail to recognize this and do a right thing, but the deed is itself a betrayal of his heart. A just judge must be transparent in life, convinced in mind and devoted to truth, and without these the office and the end to be served are as widely separated as the poles of thought. God and the unjust judge were alike in the superficial aspect of procedure; in motive and feeling they had nothing in common. Official position does not change the heart.

AND SUDDEN DEATH

In the **Cyclopaedia of Methodism,** by Bishop Matthew Simpson, is a sentence which we think is entitled to a place in "Slips that pass in the type." A paragraph ends with: "He published a volume of sermons, and died in Mississippi, August 31, 1857." One finds it a little difficult to understand why the author of a volume of sermons should have been stricken down with such dramatic suddenness. But, if the record might be brought forward three quarters of a century, it might read, "An eloquent preacher in a great metropolitan pulpit publishes a volume of his sermons, and a congregation in a distant city dies a slow death." At least the direction of the tragedy would be reversed. Today some preacher buys a volume of sermons or subscribes for a sermon magazine and straightway all that can make his message worth while to sin-burdened souls perishes. Originality, conscience and spiritual passion give place to a parroted reproduction of the strains of a witch's flute. Instead of a soul divinely illumined and lighting the way of others with its own radiant faith, a pulpit incantation of warmed-over ideas and soothing vanities is substituted for the individual, personal and fire-clad message of a prophet of divine realities. Prayer-life dies, personal assurance becomes a vague perhaps, power is lost, pews become empty and a death rattle gathers in the throat of the church. Would it not be a wholesome exercise for preachers to read over their old sermons and mark their own contributions to those messages? It might prove disastrous for some sermon barrels, it could promote self-respect, and we imagine that it might result in an upturn in the spiritual life of some congregations.

BISHOP AINSWORTH STRICKEN

The serious illness of Bishop W. N. Ainsworth of Georgia will bring feelings of profound sorrow to the whole Church. It appears that he went to Atlanta on February 18, for a hearing of the State Senate on certain liquor measures which saloon interests are endeavoring to have enacted into law. His mission finished, he went to the terminal station to board a train for Macon, his home, when he suffered a heart attack. He was first carried to Piedmont Sanitarium, but was later removed to Emory University Hospital, where he is expected to remain for some time.

We are glad to be able to report that the Bishop is probably past immediate danger, but the ominous import of the attack will cause a lingering anxiety throughout the Church. Aside from our need of him for administering ecclesiastical affairs, a man of the ability, courage and consecration of Bishop Ainsworth is desperately needed in these days of moral truckling and political demagoguery when the virtues and decencies of civilization are being made the pawns of an insatiable ambition for money and power. Many prayers will be offered that the life of this useful leader may be spared.

"A CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE"

The editor received a few days ago a marked copy of the **Webster County Progress** in which appeared an article on Methodist Unification. The same article was submitted to the Advocate. We asked for the making of two corrections and consent to the deletion of the term "A conspiracy of silence," but the manuscript was withdrawn. We do not refer to this incident with any purpose of combatting the article, but because a marked copy was sent to us, and to say that our reason for asking the deletion was that we were unwilling to lend the Advocate columns to a discussion making use of uncomplimentary and irritating terms applied to the opposing side. The phrase was used both in the article and in a letter which accompanied it. Whatever else may be said of him, this editor is no party to a "conspiracy of silence" or any other type of conspiracy. We have in our files a correspondence in which we refused to be a party to the arbitrary suppression of any voice that might be raised on this issue. We had also a notice that certain material was not in proper form for publication, but it seemed to us to be entirely pertinent and we published it promptly and in full. It is our policy to pass upon every article for what it is, and not with reference to any side or interest. We have not been able to agree with all ideas of policy, but we do not believe that there is a conspiracy of silence. Some journals, whose opposition is pronounced and open, have published comparatively little on the subject. As a matter of fact, so little has been published on any side, North or South, as to cause one almost to wonder if there is to be a practical unanimity concerning the plan. Practically every article discussing the plan on either side has addressed itself almost wholly to the Negro and his relation to the unified Church. We see the greater number of representative papers of the Methodist Episcopal Church and our own, and in our humble opinion the church press cannot be charged with collusion to suppress discussion of this very important matter.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

BIG MOUTHS AND HOLLOW HEADS

"Hitch your wagon to a star!" was the philosopher's striking way of exhorting young men to aim at some worthwhile achievement. Paths that lead skyward are the hardest to travel—but they open up on some wonderful scenery.

But some ambitions aim at strange goals, and great pride is taken in some strange accomplishments. National notice came to the man who wrote the Ten Commandments on a postage stamp, and to that other one who put the Lord's Prayer on a grain of corn. We heard of a boy whose great boast was that he could work his ears like a mule; and we knew a man who offered to wager that his wife had more corns on one foot than any other woman in the world. Nearly every community has a tobacco-chewer who claims to be a champion expectorator—he can spit further and straighter than any other man in the county. A Japanese gentleman boasts the longest beard in the world—he has to roll it up to keep from stepping on it when he walks; and some American woman could probably win the prize for the pinkest fingernails under the sun.

Such are pride and ambition!

We read the other day of a man who has accomplished the remarkable feat of putting six golf balls in his mouth at one time, and who is planning to have a tonsillectomy with the hope that he can increase his oral capacity to eight golf balls. What an achievement if he succeeds!

We are wondering if he might not go further than that. It might be, if he would have a competent surgeon make an opening of the proper size in his bone case (Anglo-Saxon for skull), that he could deposit eight dozen golf balls in his cranial cavity—and that without any injury whatever to his cerebal processes.

Big mouths and hollow heads often go together.

THE SOUTHERN METHODIST COLLEGE PROGRAM

By Dr. D. M. Key

What is the difference between a Methodist and a Christian? What is the difference between a Methodist and a Baptist, or a Presbyterian? One would, perhaps, suppose that the experience of religion, the authentic discipleship of Christ, would result in characteristics identical in all sincere Christians. And it does. "By their fruits ye shall know them." "The fruits of the spirit are these: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Yet obviously there are differences in these Christian peoples of which the conventionalized stereotypes are only symbols. Close communion, predestination, backsliding. I took my little boy, about ten years old, to an Episcopal service for the first time in his life, and as we came away he remarked spontaneously, "Huh, too much customs! The old Methodist church is good enough for me." These denominational differences are due to differences in origin, in polity and history, doctrines and conceptions of the religious experience.

The characteristics of the Methodist Church, which I ardently love and admire, are, it seems to me, a true fruition of the Spirit of Christ, as it has been affected by our origins, and by the views and ideals of our founder and great leaders down across 200 years of history. At any rate, these are the fruits, these are the outcomes, these are the characteristics of the organic religious life of the Methodist Church as it has grown across national lines, across seas and continents, until it almost realizes the vision of John Wesley when he said expansively, "The world is my parish."

I want to speak briefly of two of these characteristics of the Methodist Church because they have a bearing on my account of the Southern Methodist college program.

First, the Methodist Church is what we call connectional, not merely congregational. The local church in Pelahatchie, Miss., has ties and strands of vital relationship that reach to China and South Africa. A hardshell Methodist is a contradiction in terms. The tremendous organizing ability and vision of John Wesley found its complement in the genius for organization of the American people. And so we have as a natural manifestation of the Methodist way of expressing the spirit of religion a connectional Methodism with its General Conferences, its general boards and its College of Bishops, etc. This is not a superimposed hierarchy with authority that derives from apostolic succession and an infallible head. It is a spontaneous and characteristically organized expression of religious interests and impulses that transcend the limits of the individual and the local church community.

The second manifestation of the life forces of Methodism of which I speak was also forecast by the founder, John Wesley, and his associates. That is the impulse to provide for the intellectual development in schools and colleges. That is an observable phenomenon. As a school man, I am prone to theorize about it and its causes. But there it is and has been wherever the Methodists rose and flourished.

Believe it or not, Mr. Ripley, but the Southern Methodist Church has founded 777 colleges in the Southern states. Dr. C. M. Donnelly in his Yale dissertation gives these figures. Those church colleges were and are a characteristic output of religion as it stirred in the hearts that responded after the Methodist pattern.

Of those 777 Methodist colleges there are just 54 remaining today, and of these only 23 fulfill the ideal prescribed for them by our last General Conference. What of the others? They rose, they flourished, they functioned, they served their day and generation and they sank into revered oblivion. Up at Black Hawk I said, just as a venture, "Well, Brother Streater, where was your college?" He said, "Right out there where the barn is. This house was the girls' dormitory There was a boys' college with 150 students on that hill across the road." The stage road between those colleges ran past the inn (which is still there) on a level with the front door. That road is now worn down by the traffic of the years until it is ten feet below the threshold of the inn. That scene can be repeated in literally hundreds of places where Methodist fervor and high intellectual aspiration fruited in colleges that are no more.

Time has worked his will upon us and we are changed. Black Hawk is now a small appointment twenty miles from a railroad on a concrete highway. When Black Hawk was a college town on the main stage road from Nashville and young and newly-wed Charles B. Galloway was serving his first appointment there, Greenwood, Carrollton, and Lexington were minor appointments on the Black Hawk circuit. This urge of the Methodists to build colleges, this aspiration after learning and the high levels of thought as well as emotion has been (to a school man, at any rate) thrilling, pathetic, misguided, and glorious.

Does religion warming Methodist hearts still prompt to similar manifestations? That is not a question. It is a challenge to Mr. Ripley again. For today the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has more of its treasure invested in colleges and universities than in all her other enterprises put together except churches and parsonages.

"Choose thou first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Of the material goods that have sprung from the Methodist faith (such as it is) ,one hundred million dollars is invested in colleges and universities, twenty-five million in all other holdings. Mr. Boyd McKeown got these figures together for me. And as the good book implies, "Where your heart is, there will your treasure be also."

A third chacteristic of the educational fruition of the Methodist brand of religion is the excellence of Methodist colleges. The Methodist religious organization has been the greatest force in the Southland for the creation of the private colleges that are today significant in Southern college education.

"Southern Methodist colleges have secured from the Foundations as much money as have any other three denominations in this area. They have as large a number of their institutions on the approved list of the Association of American Universities as have any other two denominations in the South."—From the Findings Report of the College Council of 1935.

With the exception of her three universities, all the Methodist colleges have been and are created, owned and controlled by Conferences rather than the connectional bodies. They grew right out of the soil. They are a natural expression of motives stirred by religion in the hearts of the people. They were started sporadically here and there, often by people who did not know much about college education, what it costs, what it requires in scholarship and equipment, how it grows in traditions and ideals, and who perhaps had never heard of European colleges and universities, like Oxford University that nourished John Wesley, that had matured and developed for many centuries. For that reason these Methodist schools varied greatly in excellence, in purpose, in ideals, in equipment and in resources. Hundreds of them were temporary ventures. They lacked a unity of aims and ideals and of methods and procedures. They lacked a connectional guidance, inspiration, and direction, such as John Wesley undoubtedly would have given. If only our earlier bishops and connectional leaders, or even some of them, had been John Wesleys. The earlier secular and public schools and colleges were also haphazard, sporadic, lacking in co-ordinated purposes, ideals and techniques of education. About forty years ago the better colleges (church and state alike) began to come together in conventions and to define the needs and characteristics of an efficient educational institution. The characteristics naturally became standards and the standardizing associations arose. By a parallel development the colleges of the church began to have more of a connectional relationship and unity. The Board of Education took a church-wide view of our educational institutions and clarified the aims and purposes, the requirements and essentials of good college practice. "In 1898 the General Conference provided for a Commission on Education who were to prescribe the minimum requirements for the baccalaureate degree in colleges belonging to our Church."—Bishop John M. Moore,

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. K. W. Dodson, pastor at Gueydan, is enjoying his work and is greatly in love with his people. He has also a kindly word for the quality of the Advocate.

Rev. R. L. Clayton, of Denham Springs, spent a day in the Advocate office lately examining the files for materials for the thesis which he is preparing for his degree from L. S. U.

We regret to have missed a visit from Dr. R. W. Vaughan a few days ago. The genial and efficient leader of our Orphan work at Ruston is always a welcome visitor at our office.

Rev. S. S. Bogan is reported to be in high favor at Noble and Benson, and is on the way to a happy solution of a somewhat difficult situation. All this he has accomplished in the first three months of his pastorate.

Rev. A. M. Martin has engaged Rev. L. W. Cain to assist him in a pre-Easter revival campaign to run from March 19 to 28. He reports a good outlook for the year and gives us assurance of his support of the Advocate.

Rev. B. H. Andrews assures us that he will double the subscriptions for the Advocate by the time his second year is ended, and he also adds his word of encouragement concerning its merit, for which we are grateful.

Rev. C. M. Morris, pastor at Morgan City, has our thanks for substantial favors and for a brotherly word of appreciation and of purpose. No pastor in Louisiana serves a nobler people than he, and we congratulate him.

Rev. J. F. Wilson, pastor at Ringgold, asks for the subscription list for his four churches, and he is preparing to put over his Advocate campaign at once. We appreciate the marked interest of Brother Wilson and many others throughout the patronizing Conferences.

Rev. T. D. Lipscomb has been received with great cordiality at Hall Summitt and he has already established himself in the confidence and esteem of his people. Hall Summitt church has asked for half time and Brother Lipscomb's salary is to be about eleven hundred dollars.

Rev. Carl F. Lueg reports the sale of the old church building at Hammond. As soon as plans can be completed, the construction of a new brick church building will begin, the new plant to cost $16,000. Three hundred people were present on Sunday, February 21, for the recital on the new fourteen hundred dollar organ.

From the calendar of First Church, Shreveport, we note the illness of our friend, Mr. W. A. McKennon. According to the statement, Brother McKennon will spend some time in the Veteran's Hospital in Alexandria. We hope that he may soon emerge on the brighter side of his affliction.

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Sheppard, whose tragic sorrow was reported in our issue of last week, write that their daughter, Mrs. Durham, was in the kitchen preparing dinner and her babe was sleeping in the bedroom with the door closed when the fire broke out. The origin of the fire is not known.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Selecman, of Southern Methodist University, have gone with a party of twenty on a round-the-world tour. Dr. Selecman is to fill a number of engagements on the mission fields and in foreign universities, and will attend the World Conference on Faith and Order at Edinburgh next fall.

Rev. G. W. Dameron is sending out from his office in Alexandria copies of "The Fellowship of Prayer," a piece of devotional literature issued by the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life. The pamphlet may be had from the Federal Council of Churches for the nominal sum of $2 per hundred.

The report for Monroe District shows to date, 119 received into the churches since Conference, $262.15 raised for Memorial Mercy Home, with more to be reported, every church co-operating in the Bishops' Crusade, and twenty-six vacation Church Schools have been planned, in which Miss Sheila Nuttall is to assist.

Mrs. Woodward, wife of Rev. W. T. Woodward of Sicily Island, died on February 19, according to a message from Rev. J. C. Price, the pastor. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Price, assisted by Rev. H. W. Rickey and Dr. Briscoe Carter. Many friends attended the services and interment was in Pine Hill cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hoblitzelle, well known citizens and philanthropists, had added $50,000 to the endowment of Southern Methodist University. That gift brings the total added in the last year and a half to $1,600,000. A drive to raise the indebtedness against the school seems to have a good chance for complete success.

Louisiana Methodists will be glad to learn that the name of Mr. R. H. Nelson, a worthy layman of Shreveport and Superintendent of the Church School of First Church, has been sent to the Senate for confirmation as postmaster of Shreveport. This announcement, carried by the Shreveport press on Saturday, is of interest to many friends.

Dr. George S. Sexton, who heads the Department of Public Relations of Centenary College, has returned from a month's sojourn in Florida. We are happy to be assured that he is much improved because of the magic climate of the "Land of Flowers." Many Louisiana friends will be glad for this word from the friend of all the Conference.

Rev. H. L. Johns, presiding elder of the Monroe District, reports a delightful pastors' meeting at Oak Grove recently, with Rev. Earl B. Emmerich as pastor-host. Rev. G. W. Dameron led an interesting discussion on the Program of the Rural Church, and a quail dinner was provided by Rev. S. S. Holladay, Rev. D. W. Poole and Rev. R. M. Bentley. All pastors, except Rev. George Fox, who was ill, were present. Miss Sheila Nuttall and Hon. W. B. Clark were present also.

The Training School held at First Church, Shreveport, February 14-19, was a great success. It was a combination of groups and ten courses were offered—seven for the Adults and three for the Young People. The teachers were: Dr. C. C. Washburn, Mrs. Guy E. Brown, Dean R. E. Smith, Mrs. A. W. Hall, Miss Barnett Spratt, Rev. G. W. Dameron, Dr. Alva W. Taylor, Dr. J. C. Leath, Mrs. Joe Brown Love, and Dr. J. E. Cooper. Dr. A. M. Serex is the presiding elder, L. W. Smart is chairman of the Board of Managers, and Mrs. R. H. Nelson the Educational Director. The pastors participating were: A. C. Lawton, Dana Dawson, R. M. Brown, C. M. Crowe, E. B. Chaney, R. T. Ware, L. W. Smart, J. J. Rasmussen, P. B. McCullin, C. E. McLean, A. R. Hoffpauir, and H. E. Pfost. Three hundred and twenty-four credits were issued. They were distributed among the churches as follows: Sixty-Sixth Street, 54; First Church, 101; Mangum Memorial, 54; Noel Memorial, 47; Wynn Memorial, 15; Park Avenue, 19; Bossier City, 9; Minden, 4; Mansfield, 2; Plain Dealing, 1; Benton, 3; Vivian, 4; Grand Cane, 2; Greenwood, 4; Flournoy, 1, and 3 Presbyterians.

METHODIST STUDENT CONFERENCE

On February 19, 20 and 21, the Louisiana Methodist Student Conference met on the campus of Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge to discuss problems facing the college student today, and to learn the Christian way in which to face these problems. Built around the general theme, "Christian Action on the Campus," were four discussion groups:

1. "Christian Ethics and Honesty," led by Dr. J. B. Entrikin, of Centenary.
2. "Drinking on the Campus," led by Mr. Arden O. French, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at L. S. U.
3. "Men and Women Relations," led by Mrs. Joe Brown Love.
4. "Student Leaders' Seminar," led by

Dr. Harvey C. Brown, of Nashville.

Dr. H. D. Bollinger, of Chicago, was the platform speaker of the Conference and delivered four addresses during the three days. His originality and ability to get at the point made his messages very helpful to the students.

The eighty students who were present at this Conference had a wonderful opportunity to discuss their problems, engage in Christian fellowship with other young friends, and to receive a great spiritual uplift. We are hoping that as a result of this Conference students have returned to their campuses with a greater knowledge of what it means to be a Christian and with a greater determination to live and express the Christian ideal on their campuses.

Newly elected officers are: Mr. Jack Cook, of Centenary College, president; Mr. Robert Moles, of L. S. U., vice-president; Miss Georgie Pickett, of Louisiana State Normal, secretary, and Mr. Luther L. Booth, of Tulane, publicity superintendent.

LUTHER L. BOOTH.

WIFE OF REV. J. B. SHEARER DIES

Dear Brother Duren: Just a note to inform you of the death of Helen Kearney Shearer, wife of Rev. J. B. Shearer, pastor of the Methodist church at Gibsland, La. Mrs. Shearer died at the Tri-State Sanitarium in Shreveport Thursday morning, February 18, at about 2:30 o'clock. Funeral services were held at Gibsland Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in charge of Rev. H. M. Johnson, assisted by several other ministers. Interment was made at Houston, Miss., with services conducted by Dr. J. Lloyd Decell and Dr. W. J. Dawson.

H. M. JOHNSON.

THE SOUTHERN METHODIST COLLEGE PROGRAM

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in Christian Education Magazine, Nov.-Dec., 1936. Thus the Southern Methodist Church became a pioneer influence in moulding the development of the American college.

That also is a fruitage of religious life after the Methodist pattern. The church produced colleges profusely, it was singularly blessed in a progeny of strong, sound educationally wholesome and influential institutions, and through its Board of Education it shared in the development of the ideals and standards of the Southern Association and thereby of the American Liberal Arts College.

By 1926 the pattern and ideal of the American college and the minimum of essentials was so clarified and established that the Commission on Education, its creative work being accomplished, was discontinued and the standards of the Southern Association adopted by action of the General Conference as our own.

But the schools and colleges are still the children of the individual conferences and groups of conferences. The connectional ideal, the mind of the Methodist Church as a whole with reference to its colleges is not always the mind of the individual conference. There is much yet to accomplish in achieving a church-wide system of colleges all of which are adequate, all of which measure up to their full obligations to the student, to the church and to society.

The principle, the procedure by which the marks of a good and efficient college have been defined and are being continuously defined in the standardizing associations is valid. It is spontaneous and voluntary. No school is compelled to belong to an accrediting association. The accrediting agency has no authority and no compulsion, other than inescapable compulsion of the better way. This is the democratic, the American, and the Methodist way. It will continue so long as that American nervous energy drives us on to seek better and better ways of doing a thing, whether it be to train the young or to build automobiles in which the young may ride rapidly to their destruction.

In a way quite analogous the broad connectional view of our colleges will continue to be a wholesome influence in our church. The college people were early brought together in the annual meetings of the Methodist Educational Association, now the college section of the Educational Council. With the creation of the General Board of Christian Education by the General Conference of 1930, uniting several boards, there was created a connectional body that has had a most wholesome influence in the development of our educational objectives. Under this leadership the General Conference has clarified by resolution the ideals of the church as a whole with reference to her colleges. The following was included in the action taken by the last General Conference at Jackson:

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Baton Rouge Dist.—Second Round

Istrouma, Mar. 7, p.m.; Q. C., Mar. 10.
St. Francisville, at New Hope, Mar. 14, a.m.; Q. C., 2 p.m.
Jackson, at Ethel, Mar. 14, p.m.; Q. C. following service.
Baker, at Deerford, Mar. 13, a.m.; Q. C., 1:30 p.m.
Clinton, at Gilead, Mar. 21, a.m.; Q. C., 2 p.m.
Zachary, at Zachary, Mar. 21, p.m.; Q. C. following service.
Amite, Apr. 4, a.m.; Q. C., 2 p.m.
Kentwood, Apr. 4, p.m.; Q. C. following service.
First Church, Baton Rouge, Q. C., Apr. 7, p.m.
Gonzales, at New River, Apr. 11, a.m.; Q. C., 1:15 p.m.
Denham Springs, at Denham Springs, Apr. 11, p.m.; Q. C. following service.
Walker, at Mangum, Apr. 18, a.m.; Q. C., 2 p.m.
Ponchatoula, Apr. 18, p.m.; Q. C. following service.
Pine Grove, at Pipkin's Chapel, Apr. 25, a.m.; Q. C., 2 p.m.
Hammond, Apr. 25, p.m.; Q. C. following service.
Springfield, at Maurepas, May 2, a.m.; Q. C., 2 p.m.
Lottie, at Rosedale, May 9, a.m.; Q. C. following service.
Angie, at Fisher, May 16, a.m.; Q. C., 2 p.m.
Franklinton, May 16, p.m.; Q. C. following service.
Natalbany, at Pine Ridge, May 23, a.m.; Q. C., 1:15 p.m.
Plaquemine, May 23, p.m.; Q. C. following.
Greensburg, at Center, May 30, a.m.; Q. C., 2 p.m.

The District Conference will convene at the Zachary Church on May 27, at 10 a.m. A helpful program has been planned lasting through two days.

J. H. BOWDON, P. E.

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Monroe Dist.—Second Round

Bastrop, Mar. 7, 11 a.m., preaching; Q. C., Apr. 28, p.m.
Monroe, First Church, Mar. 7, p.m., preaching; Q. C., Apr. 19, p.m.
Columbia, Mar. 14, 11 a.m., preaching; Q. C., Apr. 21, p.m.
Gordon Avenue, Mar. 21, p.m., preaching and Q. C.
West Monroe, Mar. 28. 11 a.m., preaching; Q. C., Apr. 14, p.m.
Sterlington-Marion, at Marion, Apr. 4, a.m.; Q. C., 2:30 p.m.
Oak Ridge, at Fairbanks, Apr. 4, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Rayville, Apr. 11, 11 a.m., preaching; Q. C., 2 p.m.
Bonita, at Jones, Apr. 11; Q. C. at 4 p.m.; preaching, 7:30 p.m.
Pioneer, at Forest, Apr. 18, 9:45 a.m., preaching; Q. C., 4 p.m.
Oak Grove, Apr. 18, 11 a.m., preaching; Q. C., 2 p.m.
Lake Providence, Apr. 18, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Winnsboro, Apr. 25, 11 a.m., preaching; Q. C., 3 p.m.
Wisner, Apr. 25, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Newellton, May 2, 11 a.m., preaching and Q. C.
Waterproof, at St. Joseph, May 2; Q. C. at 3 p.m., preaching at evening service.
Mangham, at Union, May 9, 11 a.m., preaching; Q. C., 3 p.m.
Schwartz-Claiborne, at Claiborne, May 16, 11 a.m., preaching; Q. C., 2 p.m.
Mer Rouge, at Collinston, May 16, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Gilbert, at Boeuf Prairie, May 23, 11 a.m., preaching and Q. C.
Delhi-Crowville, at Delhi, May 23; Q. C. at 4 p.m., preaching at evening service.
Tallulah, May 30, 11 a.m., preaching; Q. C., 3 p.m.

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

The pastors and young people held a joint meeting at Crystal Springs on the night of February 19, to organize a Young People's Union for the northern half of the District.

Rev. E. L. Ledbetter, pastor at Utica, is enjoying great favor with the people. At the first quarterly conference, the charge assumed a fifteen per cent on benevolences over what was paid last year.

Mrs. B. W. Lewis, widow of the late Rev. B. W. Lewis of the Mississippi Conference, was a visitor in the home of Rev. J. M. Lewis, of Monticello recently. Mrs. Lewis makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Christine Crawford, of Marion, Arkansas.

Rev. A. J. Boyles, of Bay St. Louis, is the second preacher to report his Advocate quota in full. To him we gladly say: "Our hats are off and our hearts are yours." Thank you, and the blessings of a great year to you.

The Copiah-Lincoln Junior College glee club gave a delightful evening at the Methodist church in Crystal Springs on February 21. The house was filled to capacity and the hour was greatly appreciated by those present.

Our good friend and member of the Advocate Publishing Committee, Dr. J. T. Leggett, has armed himself for business in his campaign for subscribers, by securing his expiration list and some copies of the Advocate for distribution.

Mrs Williams, the wife of Rev. Irl E. Williams of Tylertown, found it necessary to go to a hospital in that place for a major operation. She is recovering slowly and the Advocate readers are requested to remember her in their prayers.

Rev. J. M. Lewis, pastor at Monticello, is planning a series of missionary institutes for his churches in connection with the Bishops' Crusade. The institutes are to begin the second Sunday in April and will culminate the first Sunday in May.

Rev. J. D. Slay, pastor at Collins, is beginning in good time on his Advocate campaign. Those who begin early will stand the best chance of success as well as render prompt assistance to the paper in its effort to serve the Church worthily and well.

The Scott County Young People's Union met at Morton recently. After the business session, a business meeting was held. Jack Foeman is the president. The Lake League was the winner of the banner, and the next meeting will be held at Lake in March.

Mrs. Laura Cain Armstrong, of Flora, a kinswoman of the editor, says of the Advocate: "It is needless to say that I enjoy it each week, for I feel that it is an old friend returned and hope that I may be able to be a subscriber the remainder of my days."

The editor makes grateful acknowledgment of a word of commendation from a fellow craftsman, Mr. H. Herbert Crisler, Jr., editor of **The Jasper County News**, Bay Springs. A good friend of ours once said, "It does not hurt us to know that what we do is appreciated." We are cheered by the good opinion of our friend.

Rev. A. J. Boyles has recently organized a new church at Lakeshore with thirty members, he has completed his Orphanage, Superannuate and Sanatorium specials, has taken his offering for Memorial Mercy Home, and has added twenty-four members to his church roll since Conference. That record bears its own testimony.

Rev. W. B. Alsworth, presiding elder, has announced a three-day retreat for the pastors of Hattiesburg District. It is to be held at First Church, Laurel, March 15-17, and Dr. A. J. Walton, of the General Board of Christian Education, and Rev. I. H. Sells are to be the leaders. The evening services are to be open to the people of the city and surrounding territory.

The northwestern group of preachers in the Seashore District met at Wiggins last Tuesday. The program included devotionals by E. M. Lane and A. J. Martin, a discussion of the pre-Easter campaign for Benevolences, by J. O. Ware; pre-Easter Evangelism, by G. H. Thompson; sermon by B. L. Sutherland, Easter services by G. E. Allan, Receiving Children into the Church, by C. Y. Higginbotham, and a message by the presiding elder, Rev. L. J. Power.

The backwater from the Mississippi River is producing a serious situation for the people of the lower Yazoo valley. A personal letter from Dr. Henry T. Carley, of Satartia, states that the water is up to the third step of his house and, although there was a half-inch fall last Thursday, it will likely be April 1 before planters will be able to get back to their farms. The area covered by water is not large in comparison with inundated areas in other sections, but it is nevertheless a serious matter for the individuals and the churches in the submerged territory.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INSTITUTE OF THE BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT

The Christian Education Institute of the Brookhaven District met in the Methodist church at Hazlehurst, February 23, at 10 o'clock a.m., with the presiding elder, Rev. R. H. Clegg, presiding. Brother Clegg conducted the devotional exercises.

The first speaker on the program was Dr. D. M. Key, president of Millsaps College, who brought a very helpful message on the subject, "Commission on College Policy." Some very startling facts about the educational work of our Church were brought out by him.

The next subject to be discussed was "The Significance of Millsaps College." This was ably presented by Dr. A. P. Hamilton, a member of the faculty of Millsaps College.

The next speaker was Dr. G. F. Winfield, president of Whitworth College, who spoke on the subject, "Whitworth College." He gave a most helpful talk on the value of the Church college in the Southern Methodist Church.

Rev. I. H. Sells, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Christian Education, made some statements and announcements and then introduced Miss Lucy Foreman, of the General Board of Christian Education of Nashville, who spoke on the subject, "Bringing People Into the Fellowship of the Church."

After announcements were made by the pastor-host, Dr. C. W. Crisler, the meeting adjourned to the sub-story.

The afternoon session was given over to group discussions, where the problems of the various groups were discussed. The groups then re-assembled in the church auditorium for reports of these discussions. Four definite goals for the District were presented, discussed, and adopted as follows:

1. Every Church School to observe Missionary Sunday.
2. Every Church School observing Church School Day.
3. Attempt to have a Board of Christion Education functioning in every charge.
4. That we have Vacation Schools, Training Schools, Young People's Unions, Intermediate Camps, and Young People's Assembly.

About one hundred people from over the District were in attendance, with several visitors, Dr. J. L. Decell, pastor Galloway Memorial Church, Jackson, and Dr. T. M. Brownlee, presiding elder of the Jackson District.

The leaders for the various groups were Dr. B. M. Mitchell, for the adult group; Miss Virginia Thomas, of Millsaps College, for the young people; and Mrs. L. W. Alford, for the children's group. The presiding elder and Brother Sells led the discussion for the pastors' group.

H. L. DANIELS, Sec.

HATTIESBURG DISTRICT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INSTITUTE

Over one hundred leaders in Christian education gathered at Ellisville on Wednesday, February 17, to discuss plans for the future in that field of work. Rev. W. B. Alsworth, presiding elder, presided over the meeting. After conducting the opening devotions, he introduced Dr. D. M. Key, president of Millsaps College, who spoke on the subject, "The Southern Methodist College Program." Dr. Key pointed out the characteristics of the Methodist Church which naturally express themselves in the excellence of her colleges.

Dr. A. P. Hamilton, in his address on "The Significance of Millsaps College in the Southern Methodist Program," stated that Millsaps has proved its vitality by its record of leadership supplied to numbers of other institutions and activities. He was followed by Dr. G. F. Winfield, president of Whitworth College, who referred to the history of Elizabeth Academy and Whitworth College as a memory to which the Church can look back in the present crisis.

Rev. I. H. Sells, Conference Executive Secretary, then made announcements of future dates and presented Mrs. Madelin Foster, District Director of Children's Work; Mrs. J. L. Carter, Conference Director of Children's Work, and Miss Virginia Thomas of the Millsaps faculty.

Dr. A. J. Walton, Secretary of the Department of Extension and Promotion of the General Board of Christian Education, gave the final address of the morning session on "Bringing People Into the Fellowship of the Church." With genuine enthusiasm and keen analysis of the causes for past failures, he outlined a plan for organizing any church to reach the masses of people still untouched by its influence.

After the benediction by Rev. J. L. Sells, the Institute adjourned for lunch at the Ellisville Junior College.

Dr. Walton led the devotions for the afternoon session. He spoke on "Money and the Church," declaring that we should give in order to imitate God. The remaining time was devoted to group discussions for workers with youth, children, adults, with a fourth group for general Church school officers and pastors. A representative of each group brought a report of its conclusions to the reassembled body. Rev. E. E. McKeithen closed the meeting with prayer.

REV. MILAM REEVES, Reporter.

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"1. Directing the General Board to complete a survey of all our institutions.

"2. Authorizing the General Board to develop a statesmanlike plan to realize for our church the most efficient system of Christian education possible and saying, 'We insist that all colleges bearing the name of our church shall meet the standards of some regional or national standardizing body.'

"3. Laying a mandate upon the General and Conference Boards of Christian Education to foster plans that will establish a strong spiritual tie between the local church and the college, will build the college into the affection of our young people, and lay the claims of this vital institution upon the hearts of our people."

Taking steps to carry out the commission of the General Conference, the Board of Christian Education decided to bring into its councils a group of men to assist in formulating plans for the best development of our colleges as a whole at the present time. The Commission on College policy was created, consisting of seven men—three college executives, two pastors, and Dr. W. M. Alexander, and Bishop John M. Moore as chairman. This Commission has had numerous meetings and has given a thorough study to the matters committed to it. The first formal report of the Commission was printed in full in Christian Education Magazine for November-December, 1936, which every pastor in our church and all school executives have received. I earnestly hope that this fine setting forth of the ideals of the church for her colleges and program for attaining those ideals will receive the earnest consideration of our people. The Commission's work has been difficult, especially at the point of devising practicable plans for attaining real progress in the development of our colleges. The work thus far done may be summarized under four or five heads:

First, a thorough survey of all the institutions of the church is now practically completed through the office of Mr. Boyd McKeown. It is a factual setting forth of the conditions that must be dealt with in achieving the most effective college program in each area.

Second, the Commission and Board of Christian Education have undertaken, with the co-operation of the colleges themselves, to define the marks of ex-

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Jackson Dist.—Second Round

Capitol Street, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Clinton, at Richland, Mar. 7, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Bolton, at Raymond, Mar. 7, 7:30 p.m
Benton, at Midway, Mar. 14, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Vaughan, at Ellison, Mar. 14, 3:30 p.m.
Fannin, at Drakes Chapel, Mar. 20, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Camden, at Farm Haven, Mar. 21, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Canton, Mar. 21, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Florence, at Star, Mar. 28, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Morton, at Pulaski, Mar. 28, 4:30 p.m.
Lena, at Good Hope, Apr. 4, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Edenburg, at Wiggins, Apr. 4, 3:30 p.m.
Homewood, at Carr, Apr. 11, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Harperville, at Hillsboro, Apr. 11, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Flora, at Bentonia, Apr. 18, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Madison, at Pocahontas, Apr. 18, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Lake, at Lawrence, Apr. 25, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Forest, Apr. 25, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Galloway Memorial, May 2, 11 a.m.
Brandon, at Pelahatchie, May 2, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Millsaps Memorial, May 5, 7:30 p.m.
Walnut Grove, at Madden, May 9, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Carthage, May 9, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Shiloh, at Lodabar, May 16, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Grace, May 16, 7:30 p.m.; May 26, 7:30 p.m.
Glendale, May 19, 7:30 p.m.
Carthage Circuit, at Freeny, May 20, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Raleigh, at Burns, May 23, 11 a.m.; May 27, 11 a.m.
Mendenhall, at D'Lo, May 23, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Bessie Shands Mission, May 25, 7:30 p.m.
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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. A. C. McCorkle is reported to be diligently planning for a new parsonage at Senatobia where he is now in the third year of a successful pastorate.

Rev. W. C. Newman, dean of Grenada College, recently lost his mother by death. In this great sorrow he will have the sympathy of many friends who know and appreciate both the man and his work.

Rev. L. H. Floyd, pastor of the Sturgis charge, reports good congregations, an advance in the pastor's salary, some new furnishings for the parsonage, and a general upward movement in the entire work.

Rev. W. L. Robinson, who is pastor at Hernando and also Conference Director of Adult Work, is making plans for a District-wide fifth Sunday meeting in the near future for the promotion of adult work.

Rev. M. E. Scott has made an auspicious beginning at Sardis where is located one of the staunch churches of the Conference and also the parsonage from which the presiding elder operates in that section.

Rev. Seamon Rhea and his people are making ready for the approaching District Conference which is scheduled to meet at Como in the near future. Under the leadership of Brother Rhea, the church made an enviable record last year.

Rev. W. W. Milligan has refused to be frightened by the high-water threat of the recent flood situation, and has stayed by his people at Marks. Many people in that section have felt considerable uneasiness and some have gone to the hills for refuge.

Rev. H. P. Lewis reports growing interest in and attendance upon the mid-week services at Charleston. Brother Lewis is giving an effective and constructive leadership to the charge where he is now completing a quadrennium of service.

Rev. G. R. Williams, of Coldwater, is reported to have delivered a thought-provoking sermon before the meeting of the District pastors' association at Sardis recently. Previous to his assignment to the Coldwater charge, Brother Williams had a happy quadrennium at Ebenezer.

Great emphasis is being laid upon the District-wide Layman's and Christian Workers' Institute at Starkville, March 14-16. The leader will be Mr. G. L. Morelock, of the General Board of Lay Activities at Nashville. There will be three two-hour sessions, Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday.

The Missionary Institute for Columbus District will be held at Ackerman on Friday, March 12, and Rev. Fred C. Woodard, pastor at Shelbyville, Tenn., will be the special speaker. Dr. E. Nash Broyles will present the Bishops' Crusade, and the Woman's Missionary Society of Ackerman will be hosts at lunch.

Rev. W. O. Hunt has made an impressive beginning at Kilmichael. There have been substantial increases in both pastor's salary and the assumption for benevolences, and the Board plans to meet all expense items monthly. Mr. Yancy Lott is chairman of the Board and Mr. B. S. Kent the secretary-treasurer.

Miss Helen Evans, of Artesia, has been appointed Adult Counselor for a new Intermediate-Senior Young People's Union to embrace the following charges: Artesia, Caledonia, First Church and Central Church, Columbus, Crawford, Longview, Starkville and West Point of the Columbus District. The organization meeting will be held in West Point in March. This is said to be the first Intermediate Union in the Conference. Miss Evans is a daughter of the late Rev. R. W. Evans.

The Citizenship Institute held at Emory University recently is reported to have been quite successful. The speakers included former Mayor Seasongood of Cincinnati; Dr. Thomas H. Reed, of the National Municipal League, New York; Dr. Frank Prescott, of Chattanooga; E. R. Embree, president of the Rosenwald Foundation; Dr. Rupert Vance, of the University of North Carolina; J. Charles Poe, of the **Chattanooga News**; Dr. E. S. Corwin, of Princeton University; Dr. Raymond L. Buell, of the Foreign Policy Association; and Dr. Francis B. Sayre, assistant Secretary of State.

Rev. J. C. Wasson, now in his second year at Vaiden, is evidently giving real leadership to his work. The church at Vaiden is on record either to build a new church or to do such extensive repairs to the old one as to make it practically new. The pastor's salary has been increased as has the amount assumed for benevolences also. C. G. Boyett is chairman of the charge Board, P. L. Crook is chairman of the Vaiden Board, and A. J. Stephens of the Board at West. This is the editor's home town and "Mine own people" he can say without using even a figure of speech or blinking an eye. It is great to have such a report from the homeland.

The wise man can dispense with the favor of the mighty, but not the mighty man with the wisdom of the wise.—Bodenstedt.

CHURCH EXTENSION NOTICE

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the North Mississippi Conference will meet at Oxford on Thursday, March 11, at 10 o'clock a. m. All needed blanks may be had on application to the secretary.

J. J. BAIRD, Secretary.

A GRATEFUL SUPERANNUATE

Dear Brother Duren: When I was a small boy we had Christmas and then Old Christmas, and this year we old superannuates had two and both teemed with substantial remembrances. That was the most brotherly thing that has happened lately. We old fellows put both those installments of cash into the new pairs of socks and will be feeling in occasionally with joyous gratitude. But those letters and personal expressions have been photographed and hung in the front room of memory toward which our eyes of love will often look while our souls will be praying for God's blessing upon the donors. I would thank everybody for all the other supers, but my dictionary is an abridged one and all the others feel as I do and are just boiling over to tell how happy they are over their Christmas.

BEN P. JACO.

TO THE STEWARDS OF GREENWOOD DISTRICT

Mr. G. L. Morelock, Secretary of our General Board of Lay Activities, will conduct a Stewards' Institute at Greenwood, March 7, 8, and 9. First session Sunday afternoon, March 7, at 2 o'clock. The other two sessions, Monday, the 8th, and Tuesday, the 9th, will begin at 7 p.m.

This is the first opportunity we have had to hear great church laymen and we are exceedingly anxious that every steward in the District shall hear him. All who have heard him in these institutes are enthusiastic in their endorsement of his work. Mr. J. G. Houston, our Conference Lay Leader, comments as follows on his work: "Any effort on your part to give him a fine representative group of stewards from your District will be well repaid in increased interest and efficiency to the work of our Church."

Here is an opportunity for the stewards of our District to sit down with a man —a layman—who is devoting his life to a study of the problems of the official boards and try to find out how to meet and solve these problems. OUR GOAL— Every official board in the District well represented at the first session, Sunday afternoon, March 7, at 2 o'clock. Please see your pastor and arrange to bring your entire board to this first session, and attend all three sessions if you possibly can. There is absolutely no financial obligation connected with this institute.

A. T. McILWAIN, P. E.

BOOKS

The Shepherd Prince, A Historical Romance of the Days of Isaiah, by Abraham Mapu, translated from the Hebrew by Benjamin A. M. Shapiro. Brookside Publishing Co., New York. Price Deluxe Ed., $5.25; popular Ed. $2.75.

Benjamin Mapu, know as the "Father of Jewish Fiction," has given, in the form of a love tragedy illustrating the theme of the Song of Songs, an effective portrayal of a great period in Hebrew history. The cast of characters includes, among many others, Isaiah, Hezekiah, Ahaz, Sennacherib and Jedidah. This story, told in English by one who is himself a master of Hebrew, the Rabbinical exegesis of the Old Testament and the Talmudic interpretation, recreates the atmosphere of the ancient Hebrews and preserves the grace and naturalness of events as such a story could never have upon Gentile lips. In its way, it is a literary treasure and it adds a new type of fiction to our language.

We Pray Thee, Lord, by Rev. Roy Wallace Thomas. Cokesbury Press, Nashville. Price $1.25.

A study of prayer by a minister of the Congregational Church. It is an effort to reassess the values of prayer, through the deeper insight of a personal experience, that others may be helped to recover for themselves its revolutionizing, renewing and creative power. The book does not claim to be exhaustive, but it presents the method and the possibilities of prayer in many practical and helpful ways. One may find it a little difficult to master and appropriate the variety and technique of prayer as presented in these pages, but one who walks with the author through these chapters will in the end emerge with him into a more radiant way and will discover deeper meaning of the forms and the practice of prayer.

Jap, The Growth of a Soul. A series of letters edited by J. O. J. Taylor. Cokesbury Press, Nashville. Price not given.

As its title implies, this book is a study of the growth of a rare soul. It is made up of letters of Hatton Towson, son of a missionary in Japan, grandson of General Robert Hatton, of Tennessee, who was killed at the battle of Seven Pines. Young Hatton was born in Kobe, Japan, under the shadow of the snow-clad peak of Fujiyama, in 1892, graduated from Emory College in 1913, and was for two years a Rhodes scholar. He then became a soldier in the World War and was wounded in the battle of the Argonne Forest, which fact later contributed to his untimely death in 1919. After his return from France, he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Georgia, volunteered for the mission field, and was accepted and assigned after his death. His beautiful life is memorialized by an illuminated cross on East Methodist Church in Osyka, and through the Hatton Memorial Fund for Foreign Missions. For telling a thrilling story, the editor has used the correspondence of young Towson to great purpose.

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Pioneer Education in the Pacific Northwest (1789-1847), by Charles D. Schreibeis. Metropolitan Press, Portland, Oregon. Price $2.25.

This little book is a gem of mechanical execution, and it tells in an impressive manner the too little known story of the development of the Pacific Northwest. The historical backgrounds include Russian, English, Spanish and French factors. The story of land expeditions includes La Verendrye, Simon, Fraser, and Lewis and Clark—to the average person most of them are mere names. The record of educational progress covers the period from the earliest explorations to 1848, the date of the establishment of the territorial government; and the contributions of the pathfinders, the fur-traders, the missionaries and the mission schools are reviewed. Aside from its primary purpose, the book furnishes a vast deal of information concerning the Indians and other interests of the far West.

The Easter Radiance, by Rev. Carl A. Glover. Cokesbury Press, Nashville. Price $1.

The author, who is pastor of First Union Church, Quincy, Ill., has made a rather unique contribution to the vast volume of Easter literature. In these nine brief chapters, he presents an interpretative study, not of the theological aspects, but in the light of history, tradition, poetry and curious custom, of this supreme event in the history of Christianity. He uses, of course, the record of incidents as told in the Gospels, and he discusses such questions as fixing the date for Easter, change of the day of the week from the seventh to the first, its relation to the sacrament, to literature, music, symbolism and its contribution to the joyousness of faith. We do not know another book just like it, and we believe that it offers much helpful information concerning many phases of Easter thought and custom.

He Is Able, by Rev. W. E. Sangster. Cokesbury Press, Nashville. Price $1.50.

This has been styled "A practical guide-book to Christian living," and the task which the author sets for himself is to establish the adequacy of Christ for all of life's problems. In its seventeen chapters, he discusses the sufficiency of Christ in sickness, fear, sorrow, loneliness, jealousy, pride, evil thoughts, hypocrisy, bigotry, etc. The author is a Methodist preacher in Leeds, England, and is the successor of Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead who recently became pastor of City Temple, London. The book is a graphically illustrated study of the process of human transformation through the power of Christ in the lives of men.

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cellence of a church college in just the same fashion as the standardizing associations determine the marks of excellence of an effective educational institution from the standpoint of material requirements. These marks of excellence are clearly set forth in the report of the General Commission on College Policy mentioned above. The procedure in securing a general adoption of these moral and religious character shaping and church serving characteristics will necessarily be somewhat different from the procedure of the standardizing agencies, but it is hoped that they represent the pooled wisdom of the colleges themselves as to how the colleges can best carry out their function as arms of the church.

Third, and most difficult, the Commission faces the problem of securing cooperation in the various areas, co-operation in determining what institutions can best serve the church and what resources can be provided for them. It has clearly in mind the fact that the ultimate responsibility lies in the individual conferences. The Commission has undertaken to lay squarely upon the conferences, and especially upon the Boards of Christian Education of the conferences, their trusteeship of the best interests of the church as regard her colleges in that area; their responsibility for maintaining institutions that fall below the former enunciated aim of the church in maintaining sub-standard institutions.

Fourth, presenting to the church as a whole some plan for the more adequate financing of all our educational institu-

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, MARCH 7

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

LIFE HERE AND HEREAFTER THROUGH CHRIST

The parting message of Jesus to his disciples is the most beautiful and comforting farewell in all literature. It is both "Farewell!" and "Hail!" It is farewell to the old relationship, hail to the new; farewell to the physical, hail to the spiritual; farewell to the local, hail to the universal; farewell to the temporal, hail to the eternal; farewell by the humiliated Jesus, hail by the glorified Christ. Henceforth the Master who had been in Bethabara when the sorrowing sisters so sorely needed him in Bethany was to be present wherever there is a cry of human need. It is a strange type of retrogression that even yet yearns with the stricken disciples for the bodily presence of Jesus, as if the physical is of more worth than the spiritual; as if sight were better than insight. The "Hail!" was fraught with far more meaning than the farewell. It cleared the vision and multiplied the effectiveness of the disciples. Under the illumination of the Spirit, whose mission it is to interpret the things of Christ, they would in a few short weeks see in Pentecost the accomplishment of some of the "greater things" they were to do in his name.

The disciples were anxious to know the place where Jesus was to go. He was more concerned that they should know the way. It was enough for them to know that the place was prepared, that there was plenty of room, and that they should be forever with him. "With him." That is heaven, no matter what the place. There is no need for the gorgeous imagery of Oriental wealth and splendor, even such as golden streets, jasper walls, and pearly gates. Dull human minds are forever trying to adorn the simplicity of the Kingdom, attempting to augment the bliss of being with God.

"The way" is no dim, devious, mysterious trail, but a plain path marked by footprints of service made by him who "went about doing good." Jesus served God by serving man. God incarnated in him found manifestation and expression in kindly words and redemptive deeds. Such is the way to know God and to show God. There is no other way. Jesus is the world's one example of a completely unified personality. Even Paul discovered conflict—"war"—among his members, that is, within himself. Jesus knew no such conflict. With him, life and work were one. He himself was "the way, the truth, and the life." If the servant would be with his Master, he must be as his Master.

It is highly significant that Philip asked Jesus to show him God. We may be sure he would never have asked that of Herod, or Pilate, or even of the High Priest. Something made him think that Jesus could do it—and he did! Our conduct inspires questions, inducing people to ask us about politics, economics, markets, fashions, whatever seems uppermost—incarnate—in our lives. Does any one ever ask us about God? Every Christian should be an expert in showing others the Father. Jesus could truly say: "He that hath seen me"—understood me—"hath seen the Father." In large measure, that should be true of every Christian.

"If ye shall ask anything in my name." That is in my spirit, for my glory, not for the glory or gain of self. No wonder many "prayers" go unanswered! Those who love him will keep his commandments, acting always out of good will toward all mankind. For such, there is no "farewell," no separation from Jesus, neither by "death nor life, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature." For them the unbroken promise is "Lo. I am with you always." "Let not your heart be troubled."

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The Christian Fireside

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An eminent electrical engineer of England gave reminiscences of some great scientists. "As a boy he knew Huxley well. Huxley came to stay at his father's home, a fact which caused considerable stir among the neighbors. The gardener said that he could not understand how my father, a God-fearing man, an elder of the church, and a member of the General Assembly, could ask to his house such an unbeliever. Huxley attended the family prayers, and the old nurse, with tremor in her voice, asked me, who sat next to the great man, if I had noticed whether he joined in the Lord's Prayer." He then told stories of Lord Kelvin, some of which illustrated the great physicist's inability to see the future. In 1882, talking with the future Lord Kelvin, he suggested that there might be a great future for electrical engineering, but Lord Kelvin said: "Oh, no. It will never be more than a plumber's job." Lord Kelvin was asked to join the Marconi company in its early days, and he did so on condition that the capital should not be more than $500,000, "because wireless telegraphy can never want any more money than that." Another man who failed to appreciate the value of his own invention was Bell, the inventor of the telephone. He said that he had heard Bell declare in the early days that he did not pretend to be an electrician—he was in fact a teacher of elocution—and that had he known more of electricity he would have been aware that the telephone would never work! The speaker took the first X-ray photograph ever taken in England—the bones of his own hand. The print was shown as the latest scientific marvel to the Prince of Wales (afterwards King Edward VII). The Prince looked at it, and his only remark was, in a guttural voice, "Ah, disgusting!" Another funny story concerned a great man, small of statue and stout, who was one day struggling with his overcoat in the vestibule of the Athenaeum Club. A friend who happened to be with the speaker, undertook to assist the stout man, and after a violent struggle succeeded in getting him into the coat. Then the man turned around and said, "Thank you very much, but I was trying to take it off!—The British Weekly.

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THE SOUTHERN METHODIST COLLEGE PROGRAM

(Continued from page 11)

tions which are meeting the ideals of the church.

The Board of Christian Education and the Commission on College Policy is challenged by the great needs of our educational institutions and the tremendous importance of them in the years immediately ahead of us.

A little over twenty years ago the great Centenary Movement measured a high tide in the church's vision of world evangelization. It was followed by the greatest effort ever made by our church for the adequate financing of our colleges in the Christian Education Movement. That Christian Education Movement had a great deal to do in strengthening those strong Methodist colleges that have been so influential in the South. It is clear that following the victorious resurgence of interest in missions marked by the Bishops' Crusade there should follow a present-day analogue of the Christian Education Movement in a united effort for the firm establishment of our great colleges.

CONSCIENCE-CORNERED

It was back in the days when the circus was looked upon as an instrument of the devil and when it rested under the ban of the church. It was in the fall of the year and Conference was drawing near. A Methodist preacher on a hard circuit was having poor success in securing his benevolences. At last a circus was billed for the leading town in his territory. He knew that nearly all his members would be there, even if they had to borrow a child for an excuse. So when circus day came and all the people forgathered, he took his stand by the entrance of the big tent, and he demanded of every member passing through the gate the price of a ticket for his benevolent collections. It worked. The chagrined and shamefaced Methodists responded—there was no other way out. As a piece of ministerial strategy, the incident deserves to be recorded with the classics of human wisdom.

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March Program of Work

1. Study of Stewardship.
2. Conference delegate elected and name sent to hostess society.
3. Life Memberships asked for: Adult, $25; Junior, $10; Baby, $5.
4. Report on Outlook subscriptions—secure an increase over last year.
5. Study some phase of Christian Social Relations.
6. Pledges paid in full for the first quarter.
7. Bible Study.
8. Outlook Program—Bulletin reviewed.
9. Executive committee meeting and reports mailed to Conference officers by April 1. Send one-fourth of your Conference pledge each quarter.

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From Noxapater

The Methodist Missionary Society of Noxapater, Miss., feels that 1936 was a successful year. Connectional pledges were paid in full. Three Baby Bonds were secured.

At the beginning of 1936 the Spiritual Life Group met regularly and had for its theme "Paying Off the Debt of the Church and Parsonage." Before the Annual Conference met in November the prayers were realized and the auxiliary with an active membership of fifteen had contributed $140.

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From Artesia

The Methodist Missionary Society met in the home of Mrs. J. H. Bailey with a good attendance. Mrs. Henry Pilkinton was in charge of the program, which was beautifully carried out. The meeting came to order with quiet music, followed by the hymn, "Break Thou the Bread of Life," used as a prayer. Then came a brief business session.

The hymn, "From Thee all Skill and Science Flow," fittingly introduced the Missionary Topics which were graciously and entertainingly given by the High School teachers. Miss Croone gave "Christian Missions and World Health." Miss Thompson gave "Health Work in Wesley Houses."

The period for worship and meditation was introduced by the music of the first song, "Wonderful Words of Life." The school coach, Mr. Wade, brought the Bible readings and a wonderfully understanding talk on "The First Readers of the New Testament." Mrs. Pilkinton gave "Testimonials of Appreciation of Our Scriptures."

After the closing prayer, the hostess served delightful refreshments.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
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Since the last issue of the Advocate, it has been found necessary to change the date of the Woman's Conference. The Conference will be held in Homer on March 30, 31, and April 1. The Conference will be entertained jointly by the Haynesville and Homer auxiliaries. Mrs. Henry Horton, president of the Homer auxiliary, and Mrs. T. H. Arnold, president of the Haynesville Society, will be the official hostesses. Mrs. Harry McKenzie, of Homer, will serve as chairman of registrations. The opening session will be on Tuesday night, but committees will convene on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All delegates are urged to be in Homer in time to serve on committees.

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council will be held in Washington Street Church, Columbia, South Carolina, March 9-15. The following nationally known speakers will appear on the program: Miss Charl Williams, president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs; Bishop Francis McConnell, of the M. E. Church, and Bishops Paul Kern and Arthur J. Moore of our own Church.

Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., and Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter will leave several days in advance to serve on important committees of which they are members.

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Mission study is becoming more and more popular with the women of the Church. It is interesting to know that more than 5,000 copies of the book, "A Preface Toward Racial Understanding," were sold to women of Southern Methodism. We are to continue our study of the black man and the new book for spring is "Out of Africa." The author is Mr. Emory Ross, who has had a life-long connection with the African people as a missionary and explorer.

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Two of our Conference officers have new addresses—Mrs. Sexton's is now 321 Atkins Avenue, Shreveport; Mrs. H. J. Powers, our capable superintendent of Young Women's Circles, has recently moved to Shreveport. Her new address is 719 Stephenson Street.

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In 1904, Dr. Shute and Miss Vernell Hayes were married at the Methodist parsonage. To this union were born two children, Dr. Frank C. Shute, Jr., of Opelousas; Mrs. R. V. Miles, of Franklin, N. C., and Miss Vera Bowman, an adopted daughter.

Dr. Shute was known far and near as "the beloved physician" and the ideal family doctor. He was more than a beloved physician, he was a beloved father, husband, brother and citizen. His home life was a model for the entire community. His devotion to his wife, who preceded him to the heavenly home four years ago, was beautiful. His children rise up and call him blessed. He was buried from the Methodist church. The merchants and business houses closed their doors to join the general public in showing their love for the beloved citizen of Opelousas.

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Whereas, a most beautiful, busy, consecrated life was finished when our beloved leader was called to come up higher and enter into the reward that awaits God's faithful servants.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we endeavor to lead more consecrated lives following his example of Christian friendship and service; and be it further

Resolved, that we perpetuate the memory of this beloved man by recalling his deeds of faith and loyal service from time to time to the members of our church and Sunday school; that we feel a deep sense of personal and community loss in his going away.

Resolved, that we, the members of the church and Sunday school, do express to the members of his family, our sorrow and sincere sympathy for the going of Brother Carothers, and pray God's richest blessings on them in this sad hour.

COMMITTEE.
By Mrs. Will Marshall.
Batesville, Miss., Feb. 2, 1937.

A NEW ADULT STUDENT

The **Adult Student** will appear in a new form beginning with the April issue. The number of pages has been increased. The size of the magazine has been made much more convenient. Other features have been improved with the result that this important periodical for adults is made even more valuable for those who desire to cultivate the religious life.

During April, May and June the elective course for adults appearing in the Adult Student will bear the title, "What Is Your Church Doing?" by Dr. Herriott. This course has a definite relationship to the spiritual emphasis carried in the Bishops' Crusade. Helps for the teachers whose classes use this course may be found in the corresponding issues of the Church School Magazine. For further information concerning this course and concerning other elective courses for adults, write to Editorial Department, General Board of Christian Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

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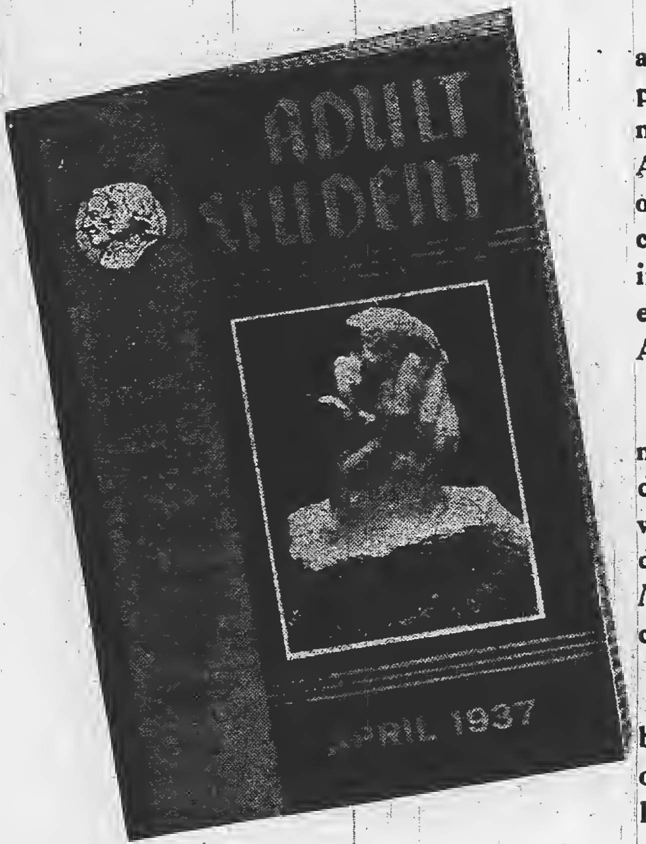

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Wallet of the Week

ALL SAINTS HOSPITAL, an institution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, is located at Aklavik, Northwest Territory. The site is more than a hundred miles north of the Arctic Circle. In January of this year, the dedicatory services were attended by mounted policemen, signal corps men, white traders, Indians and Eskimos—the representatives of the interracial and international constituency which the hospital of forty-eight beds is designed to serve.

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THE CHURCH PAPER is an institution which no virile body of Christians is overlooking today. The Roman Catholics, whose shrewd appraisal of instruments of defence and promotion can hardly be questioned, are said to have in the United States one hundred and thirty-four religious newspapers with a total circulation of more than two and a half million, and one hundred and ninety-seven reviews with a total circulation of four million. All this goes to show that no faithful and far-seeing Christian can afford to discredit the religious press.

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A ROMAN-BUILT ORGAN, said to be seventeen hundred and nine years old, was discovered in the ruins of a building at Aquincum, a former Roman settlement which is now a suburb of Budapest, Hungary. An inscription on the tablet attached to the framework states that the organ was built in two hundred and twenty-eight, and it is believed to be the oldest in existence. The instrument has been restored and is said to play as well probably as it ever did. The excavations being made there indicate that the Romans had developed secrets of construction which were only recently rediscovered.

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PUBLIC OPINION is a curiously uncertain phenomenon. It seems to serve equally to establish the independence of a man, or to save him from his own philosophy. No generation seems to have been able to settle the problem of Shakespeare's character. He has been variously described as "a Papist," "a Jew," "a spleeny Lutheran," "an ambitious churchman," "a dissentious rogue," "a heathen philosopher," and "a pagan rascal." On the other hand, nearly one hundred and thirty years after his passing, Tom Paine, the unreligious and immoral author of **The Age of Reason,** is about to be relieved of the odium which has attached to his name during the years since his death.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS are likely to find a new reason for zeal in the activity and the reaching out of the Mohammedans. They are reported to have translated the Koran into English, Dutch, German, Japanese and various American Indian languages. Mohammedan missionaries are being sent to many lands from India, and mosques have been built in Berlin, London, Trinidad, and in a number of American, Brazilian and Australian cities. It is certainly no time for criticism and gossiping about the failure of foreign missions.

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THE ECONOMIC POSITION of the United States is strikingly illustrated by the following comparisons as to production and consumption. With six per cent of the world's acreage and seven per cent of its population, the United States produces more than half of the foodstuffs, has half of the communication facilities, half of the railways and electric energy, and produces ninety-two per cent of the automobiles. It consumes half of the world's coffee, half of its tin and rubber, three-fourths of its silk, one-third of its coal, and two-thirds of the supply of crude oil.

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PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS was a subject which received consideration in the laws of ancient Israel, but it was more than eighteen hundred years after the beginning of the Christian Era before a modern nation enacted a statute for the same purpose. The British Parliament in 1822 passed a statute for the prevention of cruelty to animals, the first to be enacted. The law was passed through the efforts of an Irishman named Richard Martin, and J. J. Kelso, another Irishman, is credited with being instrumental in extending such legislation to the New World.

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GUGLIELMO MARCONI, the inventor of wireless, says that the forward strides in human progress are made by individuals, not by groups. He says that no committee could write Shakespeare or Dante, or do the work of Michelangelo, neither could any board produce a great invention. Turning from the field of achievement, he declared that faith and not science must provide mankind with the key to the riddle of the universe and bridge the gulf between man and infinity. Science can do much, but it is as a pocket lantern in the black forest through which the race gropes its way to God.

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EDITORIAL

MEDICAL MISSIONS IN CHINA

The fact that the Methodist Church sponsors medical missions in China, is an interest of which our people are more vaguely conscious than informed. Since the days of Dr. W. H. Park of Georgia, our people have heard of it as a pioneer work on that far away mission field. Few have known at what personal sacrifices the work has been carried on through the years, nor how crude and criminally inadequate have been the facilities and the equipment for doing that work. Neither have they had an understanding of what medicine and hospitalization means to a country whose scientific knowledge and progress are literally centuries retarded. With the retirement of Dr. Park, the promotion and the maintenance of the hospital work of our Church fell to another Georgian, Dr. Fred Manget, and he has been doing heroic service at a task and in a leadership which needs, not two or three, but literally hundreds of clinics and hospitals. Certainly the least that our Church can do is to make reasonable and adequate facilities for the use of the heroic servants who have been so long giving their all, even with bleeding hearts. A Layman's Committee has been formed in Georgia to promote the cause of medical missions and particularly to make it possible for Dr. Manget and his associates to minister to the sick of that great country in a way worthy of the Church and the Christ whom they represent. At the last session of the Louisiana Conference, an unsolicited contribution of approximately $800 was given at the close of Dr. Manget's address. Recently a Baptist layman heard the story of the desperate need for that work and the heroic sacrifices of the wholly inadequate corps of doctors and nurses and of their more inadequate equipment for the stupendous task, and he sent his personal check for $1,000 for the medical missions of the Methodist Church in China. The thing that is necessary to secure a great response from our people and from all people is just to let them know the opportunity and the limitations under which our medical missionaries are compelled to do their work. We should help our heroic doctors and nurses and help them now.

A REPERCUSSION

We know that it is not nice to say "I told you so," and we do not like to indulge in biting criticism. On the other hand, we have little respect for a colorless journalism, and in this instance we feel that we have a perfect right to speak. In our files is a correspondence of nearly two years ago in which we raised question as to the use of a certain type of speaker for an assembly program of our Church. In that protest, we had no personal interest to serve and no antipathy to gratify. Except as we knew the field, we did not know at that time the subject that any person might discuss. It should be said also that our objection was met in the same spirit that it was offered. We were doubtful as to the use of an uncertain type of leader for setting the intellectual sails of young people on great social issues, in a time of inflamed and disordered thinking. We do not interest ourselves in any form of industrial controversy, but we felt a sense of shame when we saw the faces of well-known public men featured in recent advertisements. We felt that our Church might well wish to tear a page from its record in the choice of leaders for the promotion of a perfectly worthy end. We are against the use of the prestige of public position for personal gain, regardless of the commodity involved. We think it is a belittling of the public. We heartily agree with the proposal of Representative Maloney, of Louisiana, for placing a curb upon radio broadcasting. If, however, that is "an insult to the intelligence of the average citizen," we do not believe that any public official should be allowed to sell his face and the prestige of a position that belongs to the people without indicating that it is a "paid advertisement, but we do not condone such a sale of prestige, labeled or unlabeled. Primarily, our interest is in church consistency. We do not look with any degree of favor upon the selection of a popular idol in order to give interest and color to an occasion. We are equally against the church lending itself to publicizing sudden statesmen whose chief stock in trade is too often an ominous looking brief-case, plenty of brass and a glib tongue, and we regard with no more favor a class of immature social reformers capitalizing public unrest. We prefer men with briefs, brains and established character. The use of social and political jack-o'-lanterns tends to reduce the consideration of burning social issues to the level of a melodramatic farce, and to lay in the thinking of young people the foundations of distrust and repudiation, not devotion to moral and social righteousness. We are in favor of sticking to a leadership with convictions and character, even though it may lack something of the glamorous pageantry which attracts thoughtless and vociferous multitudes. We do not seek a narrow denominationalism, but we do insist that accredited spokesmen shall be men of established convictions backed by the authority of an equally well-authenticated character.

BISHOP HUGHES

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been an honored guest of New Orleans Methodism for the past week. He has also been the ambassador of the Kingdom in a series of heart-searching sermons which will linger long in the memory of those who availed themselves of the privilege of hearing him. Bishop Hughes does not need commendation, personally or otherwise, in any section where there is an intelligent Methodist constituency of either the Northern or the Southern Church. He is the senior Bishop of his Church, but that fact does not imply a waning leadership. He is a man of charming personality, a striking preacher and a great and wise leader in the things that concern right and righteousness among the people. We have not heard a more striking series of sermons on any subject than were those delivered by Bishop Hughes each morning during last week. His general theme was prayer, and with incisive reasoning, discriminating analysis and a surgeon-like exploration of conduct and motive, he drove home in very effective manner the implications and the values of prayer. We believe that those who heard him will not be able to think of prayer again as resting upon any narrow, selfish, or arbitrary foundation. Of one thing we are certain, Bishop Hughes has made for himself a great place in the affection of New Orleans Methodists.

THE EDITOR IN AN ACCIDENT

Last Friday evening the editor, his wife and two friends were on their way to church about 7:30 p. m. and in the rain and a confusion of headlights his car struck a post. All the occupants were painfully injured, but apparently no bones were broken. This will explain any delay in replies for which the editor may be responsible. He will probably not be at the office for several days.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

EARLY VACATIONS

We have always believed in vacations—though we have taken very few. We recently decided, however, that we might as well practice what we preach, at least in this connection; so we took a rest from our labors.

We have observed that most people take their vacations in the summer, when there is not very much else to do. As we thought of it, it struck us that the proper time to take one would be when work is piling up—when does a man need rest more than when he is tired? At any rate, we knocked off in the busy month of February.

Where to go and what to do, are the big vacation problems—unless we wish to think of these as parts of the even larger problem of the wherewithal. The lack of the wherewithal is perhaps the main reason why more people do not avail themselves of vacation pleasures.

We solved the problem of where to go by deciding to stay at home. After all, there is no place like home—as some keen observer has pertinently remarked. There is not much change of scenery; but what can be more restful, more exhilarating, than to be where a thousand and one things insistently demand attention—and deliberately give them no attention at all? It is like being called three times in the morning, and then turning over and going back to sleep. So we decided to stay at home.

Solving the problem of what to do offered more difficulties than the one of where to go. We knew what **not** to do—but that is only negative. There is no rest in pure idleness. Activity is one of the laws of a successful vacation. We **had** to do something.

All at once the solution came to us. We decided to spend the first ten days of our vacation in watching the backwater take the town. It came, an inch at a time, until it was two feet deep over everything. The only way to get out of the house was in a boat. Fortunately, we had a boat.

Having watched a successful overflow, and still having part of our vacation left, we took the flu. It fully occupied the next ten days.

Now the water is slowly receding, and we are slowly convalescing from the flu. Our vacation is ended. (We are not quite as keen about vacations as we used to be).

CHINA METHODIST HOSPITALS

Dr. Fred Manget

Dr. W. H. Park, a Georgia medical missionary, associated with Dr. Walter R. Lambuth fifty-two years ago, opened medical missionary work in China. Since that time the three hospitals organized have treated more than 1,500,000 patients. The present campaign is the first ever to be launched in Southern Methodism specifically for the medical mission work. The three hospitals represented by Dr. Manget are the Stephenson Memorial at Changchow, the Soochow, and the Huchow, named for the cities in which they are located. Dr. Manget is superintendent of the Huchow Hospital and has a service record of 27 years in China as a medical missionary.

THE LAYMEN'S COMMITTEE AND THE CHINA HOSPITALS

A worthy cause which has behind it the enthusiasm and determined purpose of the Laymen's Committee for the China Hospitals of our Church cannot fail. The Christian Advocate of January 8 has the list of members of this Committee. I will not attempt to reiterate the great need and importance of the Church's ministry of healing which was clearly and forcefully presented by Dr. Fred Manget in the issue of the Advocate mentioned.

The Laymen's Committee has ordered a reprinting of 12,000 copies of the Christian Advocate of January 8 and is sending you this complimentary copy. This decision of the Committee was based on three major considerations: "First, it will help get missions in general, and China Medical Missions in particular, on the hearts of our people. Second, it will be a great aid to the Bishops' Crusade; and third, it will be a tribute to and help the subscription list of our great church paper, never such a power for good as at present."

We believe that the Committee is entirely correct in saying that this objective of theirs for the aid of the hospitals will assist the Bishops' Crusade, since it will serve to intensify the missionary spirit of our people. The amount of $160,000 asked for, when given by those who are interested, will help every other good cause of the Church. The laymen who constitute this Committee are far from the type of individuals who would suggest to others a liberality which they do not practice. These laymen are giving generously for the advancement of our hospital work in China. One member of the Laymen's Committee is not only paying the expense of sending out these 12,000 Advocates, but is personally paying every dollar of Dr. Manget's expense and the entire expense of the Laymen's Committee.

W. P. KING.

THIRTY-SIX YEARS AT SOOCHOW

By Y. C. Yang

Bishops, Fellow-Christians, Fellow-Methodists, Dear Friends:

It gives me very great pleasure to be here this morning, and to have a part in the great movement that is being started at this time from this city. I wish, first of all, to convey to you the cordial greetings from the Southern Methodists in China—our Christian fellowship, our regard, our genuine appreciation for all that the Mother Church has done for the younger Church in my country.

I can also bring to you the greetings of the beloved missionaries who are working on the field. They are your worthy emissaries and representatives and our esteemed colleagues and yokemates in the work for the extension of the Kingdom in China. I may add that I feel sufficiently intimate with them in friendship and spirit to really call them brothers and sisters.

When the call first came to me to come to America at this time, conditions in China were not such as to enable me to leave my home and my work with perfect ease of mind. But I responded in the spirit of Christian fellowship, which has brought so many representatives of your country to my country, under all sorts of trying conditions and circumstances.

Before I started out, my colleagues gave me a farewell dinner, but even some of my colleagues, some of them non-Christian members, could not very well understand why I should take a trip at this particular time which had no particular objective with reference to the University itself. So I had to give a little explanation. I told them on that occasion that the whole object and essence of this trip was Christian fellowship. It was Christian fellowship that started the missionary movement and brought the missionaries to China. It is Christian fellowship that has brought me to your midst now. It is Christian fellowship that I hope to strengthen, and it is Christian fellowship that I expect to carry back to China. Love, through Christian fellowship, is the hope of the world.

This morning I am particularly asked to speak to you on the subject, "Thirty-six Years at Soochow." The chairman has already explained the reason which influenced the committee in charge to put this item on the program. The speaker was not in Soochow all the time during this period of thirty-six years, but it was his privilege to be a student in that institution for nearly the whole time during the first ten years of the existence of this institution. And it has been his honor and duty to administer this institution during the last ten years, as a sacred trust from the Church, and he is constantly endeavoring to discharge this duty as a servant and agent of his own Church.

In developing the subject, the first question that arises in my mind is: Where were we thirty-six years ago? By tracing thirty-six years back, in the process of time, we come to 1901, the first year in the twentieth century. Here is a chronological division of time, to be sure, but may the question be of any real significance or importance? As we think, not in terms of a division of time, but in terms of events and happenings, it was indeed a significant point, a great dividing line in the history of China, as well as in the history of the Christian Church in China.

In the history of China, thirty-six years ago brings us back to the time of the Boxer uprising in North China, when violence and misdirected patriotism, a fanatical and superstitious movement, plunged China into the most serious international complications which it has ever faced, brought disgrace upon the country, and saddled it with burdens which for a long time hung around her neck like a millstone.

In the history of the Christian Church in China, thirty-six years ago brings us to the memorable time when great tribulation fell upon the early Church, when countless Christians sealed their faith in the new religion with their own lifeblood. This produced a profound sensation throughout the country, and led to a long Christian persecution which determined whether the Christians had found something which was worth more than life itself. It was a time when the blood of missionaries and native Christians mingled with the waters and with the soil of China for the future growth of Christianity in that country.

From that point of view, it was indeed a significant moment. We have come to a period and a point in history when all Christians can bow their heads in deep reverence and calm deliberation with regard to our own relation to these early martyrs and to the testimony which they have left, in the full assurance of faith that kindred spirits and kindred souls will take up their task and carry it forward.

Just at this time another thing happened. Our Church, in one of the greatest missionary conferences of recent years, got a great vision, a vision which led to the taking of initial steps for the founding of a great Christian university in China, an institution of learning, an institution of culture. It goes without saying that these two events, the Boxer uprising and the founding of Soochow University had nothing to do with each other

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Dr. Franklin N. Parker, dean of Candler School of Theology, will be the devotional leader at a retreat of the pastors of New Orleans District on April 5, 6.

Dr. Adrian M. Serex, the presiding elder, will assist Rev. Robt. M. Brown in a revival at Mangum Memorial Church, Shreveport, the week preceding Easter.

Rev. Otis W. Spinks, Haughton and Doyline charge, is making ready for his Advocate campaign and is laying plans for an intelligent canvass of his people for the paper.

Rev. A. S. Lutz reports a good reception and progress in his work at DeRidder. At the time of his writing, he was in the midst of a great tent meeting, with evangelist B. B. Crim doing the preaching.

Mrs. D. E. Kelly, 519 Rutherford, Shreveport, says that the Advocate is like a friend to her. She enjoys reading it and does not want to miss a single issue of it. We prize such golden opinions.

The flowers on the altar of the church in Lake Charles, for Sunday, February 28, were in honor of the birthday of Mrs. A. M. Mayo of blessed memory, and they were the tender tribute of those who knew her best.

Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs will spend Sunday, March 14, in the Monroe District, preaching at 11 a. m. at Rayville church, Rev. L. N. Hoffpauir, pastor, and at 3 p. m., preaching and dedicating the new church at Epps.

Rev. C. E. McLean has evidently made a place for himself in the esteem of the people at Vivian, where he is the pastor. The pastor's salary has been increased by fifty per cent, and the Advocate quota has been pledged.

We make grateful acknowledgment of the loyalty and interest of Rev. T. F. King, of Bunkie, in the Advocate cause. Brother King was sent to Bunkie at the last Conference after a successful pastorate at Sulphur.

West Monroe is to hold a pre-Easter revival beginning on March 17 and running through Easter Sunday. Rev. Martin Hebert, the pastor, will be assisted by Rev. C. K. Smith, of Tallulah, who will do the preaching.

We regret to learn that Rev. M. S. Robertson, of Angie, is in a New Orleans hospital for a throat operation. We have not had a report as to the facts, but we hope that he may get perfect relief and that he may soon be on the way to complete recovery of his health.

Rev. C. M. Crowe, pastor at Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, is to have Dr. Paul Quillian, of First Church, Houston, for a meeting from March 31 to April 9. Noel Memorial Church has pledged its full quota for the Advocate, according to report reaching us at the Advocate office.

Miss Tryphena Rogers, of Grenada, has our thanks for a subscription which is also a beautiful deed of Christian devotion. She sends the paper to a lonely friend for whom the shadows of life are growing long. We gladly accept her proposition and the Advocate will go for the time which she names.

The Young People of First Church, Monroe, are now engaged in the services of Young People's Week, with Rev. Guy M. Hicks, of Ruston, as the speaker. His general theme is, "Heart to Heart Talks to Young People." Each evening the service is being followed by a social hour.

Mr. James V. Ried, lay evangelist of Fort Worth, Texas, spent two days in Monroe recently. His sermon on Sunday morning, an inspiring deliverance, was followed on Tuesday evening by a moving picture lecture which greatly deepened and emphasized the appeal of the Bishops' Crusade.

We have a letter from Rev. Ashley T. Law, Ponchatoula, which we greatly appreciate. During the time that we were associated with him in the work at Felicity, he did excellent service in a difficult field and the state of the work at Felicity is largely the result of his constructive and sacrificial labors.

Mrs. Crebbin, wife of Dr. John T. Crebbin, of Shreveport, has the sympathy of many friends throughout Louisiana in the death of her father in New Orleans about ten days ago. The notice of this sad event was carried in the bulletin of First Church, Shreveport, of which Dr. and Mrs. Crebbin are members.

Mr. J. W. Tubb, of Dubach, says that he has been a reader of the Advocate for the last thirty-five years and, having read it that long, he just can't do without it. He says that he reads every word in it and looks forward to its coming on every Thursday. Thank you, and we hope that your pleasure in the paper may never grow less.

We acknowledge a note from our good friend, Mr. A. M. Mayo, of Lake Charles, who says that our announcement of the program broadcast from Scarritt College was responsible for a very enjoyable and profitable evening at his home. We are glad to have had even that little part in bringing to the attention of our people the great work being done at Scarritt.

During the week of the preaching services conducted by Bishop Hughes in New Orleans, a number of Louisiana pastors dropped in for one or more of the uplifting messages of the eminent leader of our sister Methodism. Among those whose presence we noted were Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, Rev. Martin Hebert, Dr. Adrian M. Serex, Rev. J. H. Bowdon and Rev. Carl Lueg.

According to announcement which we carried in our last issue, Mrs. J. B. Shearer died in a Shreveport hospital two weeks ago. The body was taken to Houston, Miss., and was tenderly laid to rest with appropriate services conducted by Rev. H. M. Johnson, Dr. J. Lloyd Decell, Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the local Baptist Church, and others. Mrs. Shearer is survived by her husband and four small children, one an infant.

Miss Sallie Raynham, of Star Hills, has our sincere thanks for a list of subscriptions and we particularly appreciate the fact that she has such a distinguished connection with the Advocate. She thinks that it may have been coming to her home from the beginning, since her father, who has been in heaven for thirty-one years, was a subscriber and she has been a subscriber since his death. We are glad to know of such loyalty to the Advocate.

Dr. Robt. W. Vaughan, Superintendent of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage, has sent to pastors and Church School Superintendents the Annual Easter appeal in behalf of the large family of children under his care, the children of Louisiana Methodism. We feel sure that this urgent matter will not be forgotten by any congregation in Louisiana. This is one of two special days in the year which, by Conference action and by long-established custom, is devoted to our orphan children.

GRATITUDE AND "A MINE OF MEMORIES"

My Dear Sir: Enclosed please find one dollar for the year's subscription of your paper. I am removed from that part of our country that had been home to us for so many years, and I miss the associations that had been so pleasant, but life is a series of changes and adjustments and I am so happy that I can have your paper to tell me of the work and dear friends that we love there in Louisiana.

Please allow me space in which I may express to the Church throughout the state my appreciation of the thoughtful gift sent to me by Mr. A. M. Mayo at Christmas. May God's richest blessings be upon all who shared in the giving. I assure you that much happiness came to me at that season, and the gift from you meant more than any other. I do thank you for that joy.

MRS. W. H. JORDAN.

BIRMINGHAM CHOSEN

At a recent meeting of the Committee on General Conference Entertainment, Birmingham, Alabama, was chosen over Tulsa, Richmond and possibly other contenders for the honor. The "Magic City" offers, it seems to us, an atmosphere and a setting which may be very important in the discussion of the momentous decisions that the Conference will have to make. In our opinion, no more important session of the General Conference of our Church has been held since 1844 than will be that of 1938. We say this not alone with reference to the prospect of Unification, but for the further reason that the Church has reached a stage of development otherwise which will call for a leadership of vision, courage and faith.

A PROGRESSIVE CHURCH

A growing movement is always faced with dangers. The very utmost care should be taken to avoid dangers that would in any way disturb or thwart the objective sought. Is there not a real danger of promoting an organization and losing the evangelistic passion for the salvation of men and women? Are we as a church becoming so engrossed in our present problems as to cloud the vision of a far-reaching objective? It may be possible that in our denominational desires we lose the evangelistic passion. We should as a church put forth every means possible to spread the gospel and bring the lost to Christ; and at the same time build up a spiritual household for the edification of those who have been saved, that our evangelistic efforts may be conserved. However, it is possible that we may become so much concerned about the spiritual house that we neglect the evangelistic mission. The larger any organization or denomination becomes, the more machinery it takes to keep it moving effectively. The larger the group life the more we depend upon the organization for results. There is always danger that leaders and influential members may become so interested in the machinery as to lose sight of the purpose of the church. Organization, no matter how perfect, can never produce evangelistic results. It takes a real spiritual passion, an intense love for the souls of men, to bring about true and lasting results. This age is materially minded without a doubt, nearly all of human equations are measured by material results, and we seem to have lost sight of the fact that man has a soul, a being capable of appreciating the finer and better things of life. The church today has, without a doubt, become affected by this material mindedness. It is possible to place greater emphasis upon size than quality, upon visible means than upon permanent values, upon finance rather than spiritual results. In the appointment of ministers to certain churches and districts, we fear that there is great danger of placing the emphasis upon the salary he has been drawing, and the appointments that he has filled rather than his spiritual qualifications. We fear stress of his native ability and personality above his devotion to God. It is well to remember that God does not reckon values in this way, nor does He measure results by the size of the church building, the size of the budget, or the number of members the church has. He measures results by unseen and spiritual tests and by the faithfulness of His workers. In the church or great family life, as it is so often called by the pastors, there is a great tendency to obtain spiritual results by human endeavor. Group life will naturally develop this aspect, unless the purity of the individual life is guarded very closely.

We as a church had a splendid beginning; our parish was the world, and our inspiration the special warming of the human heart by the power of the Holy Spirit. There is no wonder that we made rapid progress. If the church will return today to the same method and power, with its present equipment, the world might be evangelized in a very few years. These days, more than ever before, demand a full consecration to Christ, a consecration so full and complete that it would transform us into His holy image. This soul passion can be maintained only at the price of individual watchfulness, and by careful and persistent application to keeping the fires of devotion constantly burning upon the altars of our hearts. The solution of any spiritual problem and the avoiding of denominational danger lies with you and me. A writer lately stated that human nature needs not to be changed, but to be rightly trained. He said that a baby was neither good nor bad, but may achieve either good or bad character. He says there is nothing in the structure of our being that needs to be destroyed, any more than it is necessary to destroy the wheels in a watch to make it keep good time. He is evidently not familiar with his Bible. The Bible plainly states that we are conceived in iniquity and born in sin. Then again, "Know ye not that this old man is crucified with Him that the body of sin may be destroyed, that we should not serve sin." The fundamental fact about human nature is that, while it is possessed of vast capacities, it lacks one capacity of complete self-organization or, if you prefer the modern term, self-integration. Human nature must be changed, that one capacity that man lacks must be supplied. Intelligence alone cannot supply this, group life cannot do it, neither can an organization of man. Nothing but the presence and power of the Holy Ghost can do it.

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Eros, at Franton Chapel, Mar. 14, a.m.
Hodge, at Dodson, Mar. 14, p.m.
Athens, at Athens, Mar. 28, afternoon.
Haynesville, at Haynesville, Mar. 28, p.m.
Haughton, at Haughton, Apr. 4, a.m.
Cotton Valley and Springhill, at Springhill, Apr. 4 p.m.
Sibley, at Sibley, Apr. 11, a.m.
Ringgold, at Grand Bayou, Apr. 11, afternoon.
Clay, at Quitman, Apr. 18, a.m.
Choudrant, at Beaulah, Apr. 18, afternoon.
Bernice and Farmerville, at Farmerville, Apr. 25, a.m.
Calhoun and Downsville, at Downsville, Apr. 25, p.m.
Minden, May 2, a.m.
Homer, May 2, p.m.
Ruston, May 3, p.m.
Simsboro, at Hilly, May 9, a.m.
Arcadia, May 9, p.m.
Dubach, at Harmony Chapel, May 18, p.m.
Jonesboro, May 19.

District Conference at Harmony Chapel, May 18. 9 a.m. one day.

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. T. E. Nicholson says that he is feeling very much at home in his new charge, Enterprise and Stonewall. He is planning to begin a new church in the near future.

Rev. L. J. Power, presiding elder of the Seashore District, was among the number who came over to share the feast of good things provided by Bishop Hughes during the past week.

Rev. Andrew J. Boyles, pastor at Bay St. Louis, has not only reached his quota for the Advocate, but has already exceeded it. Loyalty like that gives us both hope and encouragement.

Rev. James M. Lewis, Monticello charge and a friend of the editor since the days when we were together at Millsaps College, does not forget the Advocate cause, as is evidenced by his request for the mailing list for his charge.

Rev. R. H. Clegg, presiding elder, has announced a retreat for pastors for March 18, 19, at Brookhaven church. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m., and Dr. A. J. Walton, of the General Board of Christian Education, will be the principal speaker.

The officers elected for the northern group of pastors of the Vicksburg District are J. V. Bennett, chairman; T. J. O'Neil, vice-chairman; and F. L. Applewhite, secretary. The next meeting is to be held at Satartia, March 30, and the program will feature the Bishops' Crusade.

Rev. A. M. Broadfoot, pastor of Pearl River Avenue church, McComb, is reported to be in such favor that all indications point to a very successful year. Following a fellowship dinner with his people, was a fine quarterly conference and definite plans have been worked out for the work of the year.

Mrs. M. C. Bell, of Cary, says that the Advocate has been coming to her home for more than sixty years and that it is still a welcome visitor. We regret to know that Mrs. Bell had to have a hospital experience of three weeks' duration, but we are rejoiced that she is now able to be at the home of her son where she is convalescing.

Miss Virgie Fore, secretary of the Christian Literature Committee for Jefferson Street Church, Natchez, is organizing her forces for a successful prosecution of the Advocate campaign in that church. The last pastor, Rev. W. M. Sullivan, was one of our most loyal friends, and the present pastor, Rev. C. A. Schultz, is no less zealous and effective.

Two good Christian Education Institutes were held in Vicksburg District—one at Fayette on February 24, and the other at Mt. Olive the following day. Drs. Key, Hamilton, Winfield and Mitchell represented the colleges, and Miss Lucy Foreman, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Carter and Rev. Irl H. Sells, the General Board and Conference workers. Lunch and fellowship added variety to the occasions.

Considerable confusion was caused in the delta section of Mississippi by the high-water threat. It did not reach the stage predicted and the holding of the levees saved the section from disaster. Rolling Fork, Anguilla, and Mayersville charges were largely cut off by water. Holly Bluff was covered by back-water and the people took refuge upon higher ground, but no concentration camps became necessary.

THE NEW LAW ON LAY DELEGATES TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Dear Dr. Duren: Since very little mention has been made of the new law under which churches in the Mississippi Conference will elect delegates to District Conference it seems well for some member of that committee to call attention to it. Pastors will find it on page 109 of the 1936 Journal. In principle, it follows the law which has been in operation since 1910. The change is in the number of elected delegates.

The great majority of churches in the Conference will not be affected by it, but will still elect one delegate. The larger churches will elect half as many as heretofore, and the small stations will elect three delegates, regardless of the number of members. This last provision was an agreed amendment while the subject was under discussion on the Conference floor. If it provides too many complications it may be changed for a better plan to protect the small stations.

Sincerely,

J. B. CAIN.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING OF THE MERIDIAN DISTRICT

The Christian Education Institute of the Meridian District was held at East End Methodist church on February 18, with twenty pastors of the District present and a total attendance of one hundred and ten.

Rev. W. B. Jones, the presiding elder, led the devotional, and Rev. R. H. Clegg, presiding elder of the Brookhaven District, led in prayer. After words of welcome from Brother Jones and the pastor, O. S. Lewis, T. E. Nicholson was elected secretary.

The morning program was carried out as follows: Dr. D. M. Key spoke on the work of the Church through the Church related colleges; Dr. A. P. Hamilton, on the significance of Millsaps College, and Dr. G. F. Winfield, on the beginning of education in the Methodist Church. Each of these men brought helpful messages, and their subjects, being related as they were, brought out not only the important part the Church has played in education, through these institutions of the Church, but threw out to us the challenge for the future in this field of work. Rev. A. J. Walton, of the General Board, brought the closing message of the morning on "Bringing People Into the Fellowship of the Church." He brought an inspiring message, which was a splendid climax.

At the noon hour, the ladies of the churches of Meridian served a delightful plate lunch in the basement of the church. Words of appreciation to the ladies for the delightful lunch were offered by W. D. Hawkins.

The afternoon session was held in groups. Mrs. J. L. Carter led the children workers, Miss Thomas led the young people workers, O. S. Lewis led the adult workers, and I. H. Sells led the pastors in their discussions. All groups reassembled about 3 o'clock, each leader reported for his or her group, and we were dismissed with prayer by Rev. A. J. Walton. I feel that this was a profitable day spent in the work of our Church.

T. E. NICHOLSON, Secty.

AN APPEAL FOR CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Dear Brother: When I came here as chaplain, I found there was no permanent system of religious or secular education and, sad to say, no funds for this worthy cause. This I hope to rectify by the 1938 term of the Legislature. In the meantime I am appealing to the Christian press to publish the need for Christian literature suitable for distribution among the inmates. There were no books of reference if any one wanted to do any study or research in Bible or Church history, etc. They would have to depend on the charity of friends or do without.

There is a wonderful apostolate to win precious souls for the Master. A prisoner who becomes a Christian while here is fortified to overcome temptation when he leaves. This way we are winning them for the Lord and doing society a big favor.

I wish to be,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

AKLIS BURTON BARRY,

Chaplain, Mississippi State Penitentiary

THIRTY-SIX YEARS AT SOOCHOW

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at the start. It was a purely accidental coincidence. However, as I think a little more on the subject, it appears to be more than a coincidence. Nothing could have been designed, nothing could have been more appropriate, and we might say, nothing could have been more clearly Providential. For at that time we find a China still resisting change and still deplorably ignorant of world conditions, but painfully shocked and shaken to a keen realization that new life must be introduced into China.

On the other hand, we see the buildings of a great Christian university, which was, we may say, a center of light at the time of the darkest period in the history of China. It was the giving forth of the life, the truth, the light of the world, shining through the darkness to enlighten China and to brighten the life of the Chinese people. The story of the thirty-six years of Soochow University is the story of the gradual realization and fulfillment of that vision and that movement.

From this very important beginning in 1901, when Soochow University was first started in a two-story building, measuring not more than 100 feet long, in either direction, which served as the assembly hall, dormitory, dining room, reception room, administration office, barber shop —which served for all of these purposes, it has grown to a real university, with imposing buildings covering nearly twenty acres.

It has grown from less than 100 students, none of whom were not competent to do college work, even according to the low standards of that time, to an institution which now has over 1,000 students, an institution which had 900 applicants to enter the freshman year, when we gave the entrance examinations for this year.

It was started with a small faculty, in which one of the professors signed himself as "Professor of All Natural Sciences," and another signed himself as "Professor of Arts and Philosophy," until now we have a faculty of over 100, many of whom hold Ph.D. degrees from the leading universities in America.

From a start of $50,000 capital investment, it has now developed into an institution whose land, buildings and equipment have a total valuation of over $1,000,000, national currency, to which not only the Church has contributed liberally, but other agencies like the Rockefeller Foundation, and more recently the Chinese Government, as well as friends and graduates of the institution, are also doing their part.

For the development of this university many a missionary has devoted his whole life. I wish on this occasion to honor the memories of those who have worked directly or indirectly for the university. I would call the name of Dr. E. F. Anderson, first president of the University. I learned from him that it was the business of Soochow University to make good, true men for China. I would call the name of Young J. Allen, first president of the Board of Trustees of Soochow University who throughout his life came to be the voice of Christianity, speaking to the intelligentsia in a land of scholars.

I recall the name of W. H. Park, a medical missionary, whose vision was not bound by his profession, but whose interest was coextensive with the whole program of the Christian Church. He capitalized his popularity as a physician to raise money for Soochow University, both at the time of its establishment and in later years. I recall the name of Mr. R. D. Smart, a typical missionary, who was Professor of Mathematics, a lover of young men, an ideal coach and promoter of inter-collegiate athletics in China, whose motto was, "Be a gentleman first, before a winner," which principle is embodied in the life of the teams of Soochow University.

It would be indiscreet for me to make any comment on those who are still with us, so I will just pass over the name of J. W. Cline, second president of the University; W. B. Nance, my former teacher and my immediate predecessor, as well as others, like Dr. Jones and Mr. Cameron, who have contributed to the building of the University. It is true that a good measure of the burden of administration has been assigned to the Chinese Christians, but I may add also that most of them have been trained up under these men as students, so that, in a sense, it still represents a continuation of their life and work in the new ones who have taken their places.

Through these thirty-six years of its existence, a steady stream of youth, starting with less than 100, and swelled now to over 1,000, from some of the very best and most prominent families in China, has passed through Soochow University. Starting with only men, we include women at present, who come to the University for their academic training. We have endeavored not only to give them the most up-to-date knowledge in the modern arts and sciences, but we have always emphasized moral and spiritual training for character-building, always holding up Jesus Christ and His Gospel as the supreme reality and the hope and inspiration of mankind. Many have thus been led to know Christ, to accept Him as their Saviour, and to join the Church. Many more have not gone so far, but have had their lives touched, their vision broadened and deepened, their spirit elevated, their manhood strengthened, so that they go back into society stronger and better personalities than when they came to the institution. These results are intangible and unmeasurable, and though it may be a little difficult to see, these students, though they are not fully converted to Christianity and brought within the fold of the Christian Church, carry forward in different directions the idea and spirit of Christianity into Chinese society. That is probably one of the reasons why numerically the influence which Christianity has upon Chinese society far exceeds what America has spent upon the Christian program in China.

I cannot tell you the experience of all those students who have gone through the University. I cannot speak fully, accurately, of the experience of others,

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Jackson Dist.—Second Round

Capitol Street, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Clinton, at Richland, Mar. 7, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Bolton, at Raymond, Mar. 7, 7:30 p.m
Benton, at Midway, Mar. 14, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Vaughan, at Ellison, Mar. 14, 3:30 p.m.
Fannin, at Drakes Chapel, Mar. 20, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Camden, at Farm Haven, Mar. 21, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Canton, Mar. 21, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Florence, at Star, Mar. 28, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Morton, at Pulaski, Mar. 28, 4:30 p.m.
Lena, at Good Hope, Apr. 4, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Edenburg, at Wiggins, Apr. 4, 3:30 p.m.
Homewood, at Carr, Apr. 11, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Harperville, at Hillsboro, Apr. 11, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Flora, at Bentonia, Apr. 18, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Madison, at Pocahontas, Apr. 18, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Lake, at Lawrence, Apr. 25, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Forest, Apr. 25, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Galloway Memorial, May 2, 11 a.m.
Brandon, at Pelahatchie, May 2, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Millsaps Memorial, May 5, 7:30 p.m.
Walnut Grove, at Madden, May 9, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Carthage, May 9, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Shiloh, at Lodabar, May 16, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Grace, May 16, 7:30 p.m.; May 26, 7:30 p.m.
Glendale, May 19, 7:30 p.m.
Carthage Circuit, at Freeny, May 20, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Raleigh, at Burns, May 23, 11 a.m.; May 27, 11 a.m.
Mendenhall, at D'Lo, May 23, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Bessie Shands Mission, May 25, 7:30 p.m.
Terry, at Spring Ridge, May 26, 7:30 p.m.

The District Conference will be held in the Methodist church of Canton, Miss., Apr. 15 and 16. The conference will open promptly at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 15th. The pastors will please hold church conferences, elect their delegates and send me their lists by the first of April. This is important in order that I may prepare the roll, formulate committees and perfect plans for the conference.

T. M. BROWNLEE, P. E.

Seashore Dist.—Second Round

Gulfport, First Church, Mar. 7, a.m.
Saucier, at Nugent, Mar. 7, 3 and 7 p.m.
Poplarville, Mar. 14, a.m.
Biloxi, Epworth-Wesley, at Wesley, Mar. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Purvis, Mar. 21, a.m.
Lumberton, Mar. 21, p.m.
Biloxi, Main Street, Mar. 28, a.m.
Wiggins, Mar. 28, p.m.
Lucedale, Apr. 4, a.m.
Mentorum, at Merrill, Apr. 4, 3 and 7:30 p.m.
Carriere, at Wesley Chapel, Apr. 11, a.m.
Picayune, Apr. 11, p.m.
Long Beach, Apr. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn and Bond, at Maxie, Apr. 18, a.m.
Handsboro and Second Church, at Mississippi City, Apr. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Escatawpa, at Caswell Springs, Apr. 25, a.m.
Moss Point, Apr. 25, p.m.
Pascagoula, Apr. 28, p.m.
Kreole, Apr. 29, p.m.
Oloh, at Spring Cottage, May 2, a.m.
Columbia, May 2, p.m.
Leakesville, at Winbourne Chapel, May 9, a.m.
Americus, at Hurley, May 9, p.m.
Logtown, May 16, a.m.
Bay St. Louis, May 16, p.m.
Vancleave, at Red Hill, May 23, a.m.
Coalville, at ———, May 30, a.m.
Ocean Springs, at Ocean Springs, May 30, p.m.

L. J. POWER, P. E.

North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. J. S. Maxey, pastor at Noxapater, sends us a two years' renewal for the Advocate and with it a note to the effect that other subscriptions will follow.

Mrs. J. M. Turnipseed, of McCool, Route 14, sends us her renewal subscription to the paper, and with it the heartening assurance that it means much to her.

Mrs. R. C. Bridges, of Starkville, says that the coming of the Advocate is like a letter from home. We appreciate her feeling and we hope to make the home tie more real as the years go by.

Rev. W. J. Cunningham, who adopted the plan of systematic visitation following the last session of the Annual Conference, is much gratified with the results and he recommends the plan to all pastors.

New Methodist Hymnals have been provided for the use of the church at Ripley. The purchase of the New Hymnal was made possible by a handsome check during the centennial celebration of the church held last fall.

Rev. E. S. Lewis, pastor at Durant, sends a good word for both the editor and the publisher of the Advocate, and also the evidence of his purpose to give a more substantial expression of his interest in the near future.

Rev. T. B. Thrower, preacher in charge at Drew, says that his work is making satisfactory progress, interest and attendance growing, and that he had a particularly good congregation on February 21. He reports a liberal and cheerful response to financial obligations.

Since last November the church debt at Leland has been reduced from $3,000 to $500, and efforts are being made to liquidate the entire sum by Easter, and Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs has been engaged to dedicate the building on April 4. At last report, the debt balance had almost vanished.

A series of Christian Education Institutes were held in the Corinth District recently by Rev. Roy A. Grisham and Rev. W. L. Robinson. The places visited were: Myrtle, Baldwyn, and Iuka. The Institutes were well attended and the leaders gave valuable help to the staff of workers throughout the District.

The Young People's Union, for the northern part of Greenville District, met in Clarksdale recently and was reorganized with the following officers: Miss Sarah Stephens, president; Jesse Jackson, vice president; Miss Eudine Williams, secretary-treasurer; Miss Carline Clapham, publicity superintendent; and Miss Eugenia Proctor, pianist. There were about fifty persons present. Rev. R. G. Lord will act as counselor, and the next meeting will be held at Lula on April 5.

At Hernando, where W. L. Robinson is the pastor, salaries and benevolences are paid in full to date, District work wholly paid, Grenada College has received $150 from the church, a contribution of $27 was made to the superannuates, and the young people have raised $20 on a pledge of $25. One Training Class on worship was held with Rev. Roy Grisham as teacher, Rev. J. E. Stephens will do the preaching in the revival meeting, and the work is making healthy progress in all lines.

REV. JAMES PORTER ILL

Dear Dr. Duren: Our good friend, Rev. James Porter, of Oakland, is sick. He has been confined to his bed for the past three weeks, and at times his condition has been very grave. Just at this writing (March 5), he is a little better. It has been my privilege to visit him several times since Conference. At my last visit he asked me to express his thanks to the Church for the Christmas present—that generous check sent the superannuates last Christmas. He says that it came at a very momentous time. His wife was sick for three months, and now he is down, and he says the check was a lifesaver.

Brother Porter is nearly 90 years of age, but still has an abiding interest in the work of the Kingdom. He loves his church papers and finds great pleasure in reading them. A letter to him from some of you brethren who know him would greatly cheer his heart.

Sincerely yours,
H. P. LEWIS.

MORE ABOUT THE SALARY QUESTION PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED

By H. M. McCormack, Jr.

A number of the brethren have written requesting further elaboration of the plan which the writer submitted in the February 11th issue of the Advocate relative to the matter of equity in pastors' salaries.

It occurs to the writer that the simplest and most effective plan would be to put this entire matter into the hands of the Conference Board of Missions. Then, let the Conferences set a minimum salary for a pastor serving a charge. I would not undertake to say what this amount should be, but let us say, for the sake of expediency, that the Conference set the minimum salary at $1,000 per year, and certainly that would be low enough. The next step would be to let the charge board of stewards of each charge paying less than this minimum salary confer with the Conference Board of Missions.

The Conference Board of Missions would immediately enroll this charge as one of its cases. It would then send one of its representatives to this charge to make a thorough survey and study of the situation. It would be the duty of this representative, working in co-operation with the local official board, to set up an intelligent, constructive financial program for the charge. He would make a careful survey of all the resources of the charge, and ascertain whether it were absolutely necessary for the charge to have outside help before it could meet a minimum budget.

In most cases it would be found that when a reasonable budget was made and properly presented to the membership of the charge they could and would meet it.

The representative of the Conference Board of Missions would be in a much better position to work out a matter of this kind than would be the local pastor. As a matter of fact, the pastor should not enter into the dealings between the local official board and the Conference Board of Missions, except in cases where it might be necessary for him to be represented, and this should be done by his presiding elder.

In some cases the representative of the Conference Board of Missions would find the charge with an authentic need for outside assistance in meeting even a minimum budget. When this fact is definitely established the charge would be placed under the direct supervision of the Conference Board of Missions which would supplement the resources of the charge until the charge has reached the point of being self-supporting, and at the same time direct its course toward that end.

This would, of course, place upon the Conference Board of Missions a much larger responsibility in its program of home missions, but at the same time it would enable it to do a much more effective work in this important field. Naturally, it would require a larger outlay of money for the Board, but the writer is firmly convinced that once the laity of the Conference were assured that such a comprehensive, constructive program of rural church rehabilitation and circuit cultivation would be inaugurated, it would respond immediately and generously to its support.

Too long Methodism in Mississippi has been gradually centralizing in town and cities, and consequently neglecting the rural areas, and the resulting decadence of our rural work has, of late, greatly accelerated this process. The above plan, in the opinion of the writer, would correct the causes of this unfortunate trend, and pave the way for a revitalization of our rural work.

The plan would call for a capable and efficient corps of field representatives for the Conference Board of Missions, and possibly for a full-time executive secretary. I should think that three or four of our most experienced and able ministers and laymen could administer the entire program.

I should like very much to see our Conference take the lead in bringing about a "New Deal" for rural Methodism. Such a program would doubtless return large dividends upon the investment made in it.

We respectfully invite our leaders to express their reactions to this plan, or, in case they have a better plan, to offer their suggestions.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE—ABERDEEN DISTRICT, NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

The Missionary Institute of the Aberdeen District will be held at Pontotoc, on March 17, beginning at 9:30 a.m. An excellent and comprehensive program has been prepared, on the general theme: "Making a Missionary-Minded Methodism." Those from without the District who are to appear on the program are, Rev. Fred C. Woodard, Shelbyville, Tenn., representing the General Board of Missions; Rev. E. Nash Broyles, Rev. J. H. Holder, S. W. Wall, and the Conference Missionary Secretary, Rev. R. G. Moore.

It is confidently expected that every pastor will be present, and the chairmen of missionary committees, presidents of the missionary societies, and superintendents and others of our Church Schools are urged to attend. Because of the fact of the Bishops' Crusade this Institute is of unusual importance. Hence the suggested slogan is "Every church represented by some of its best leaders."

W. P. BUHRMAN, P. E.

PROGRAM, DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTES, NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE:

Aberdeen District—Pontotoc, March 17.
Columbus District—Ackerman, March 12.
Corinth District—Ripley, March 16.
Greenville District—Cleveland, March 9.
Greenwood District—Greenwood, March 10.
Sardis-Grenada District—Sardis, March 11.

Theme: "Making a Missionary-Minded Methodism."

9:30 a.m.—Devotional by presiding elder. Subject: "A Missionary-Minded Presiding Elder."

9:45 a.m.—"A Missionary-Minded Pastor," by District Missionary Secretary.

10:00 a.m.—"A Missionary-Minded Missionary Committee," by chairman of a Missionary Committee in local church.

10:15 a.m.—"Missionary-Minded Bishops," "The Bishops' Crusade," by Rev. E. Nash Broyles.

10:45 a.m.—"The Conference Board of Missions," by Rev. J. H. Holder.

11:00 a.m.—Recognition of delegates from local churches.

11:15 a.m.—Address by Rev. Fred C. Woodard, Shelbyville, Tenn., representative of the General Board.

11:50 a.m.—Announcements and recess for lunch.

1:15 p.m.—Devotional.

1:30 p.m.—"Missionary Literature and Materials," by Conference Missionary Secretary. (a) The World Outlook; (b) The Study Book.

2:00 p.m.—"Men and Missions." The Benevolent Fund.

2:15 p.m.—"Women and Missions," by District Secretary of the W. M. S.

2:30 p.m.—"Missionary Giving." (a) The Fourth Sunday Offering; (b) Our Conference Special, the Lewis Hospital Fund, by S. V. Wall, Treasurer, Cleveland, Miss.

3:00 p.m.—"Consecration for Our Task." Closing consecration service led by presiding elder.

Slogan: "Every church represented by some of its best leaders. Every pastor present."

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE GOLDEN CROSS

In taking the Golden Cross enrollment at Drew, we started early in order to give a report of the effort, and as it now stands the enrollment represents 45 members and friends of the Drew charge and amounts to upwards of $40. This money was as easy to raise as any church money ever solicited.

In making the Golden Cross enrollment we found that by keeping the emphasis on the charity work of our hospital, the response was most liberal. The splendid record of the Methodist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., made it easy to emphasize the charity work, $103,914.73 worth of it last year.

If plans are begun now, we can have a Golden Cross enrollment on every charge in the North Mississippi Conference.

T. B. THROWER,
Conference Director.

M. T. PEW SPEAKING

Hello, folks. This is M. T. Pew speaking. I have remained silent as long as I can. So long have I done nothing but listen, listen, listen. I must speak. To thundering organs roaring like an approaching storm; to gentle piano notes, soothing like water drops from wet eaves; to many a drawling chant, or stirring anthem, or awakening chorus or squawking hymn I have been forced to listen. Solos aplenty I have heard, vocal and instrumental, some much like gates swinging on rusty hinges on a March night, others beautiful and heavenly. Shall I mention sermons, long and short, good and bad; prayers that stirred my lonely heart, to which I have listened? All in all, it has been lovely, restful, challenging and heavenly to be here. But within me my poor, hungry soul cries out.

I am so tired of just sitting and waiting and waiting and waiting. Here I sit all polished up, comfortable and convenient, and yet without anything to do. I just sit here and wait, watching the light in myriad tints and hues break across the altar before me. I hear the endless rumble of the traffic and the ceaseless clatter of hurrying feet going by outside. Why don't they stop and use me while they rest and worship and find peace? If only the sexton, each week when he so gently polishes my glistening coat, would only sit for just a little while and rest and meditate it would make me feel so much better. At service time the people come. I hear them finding their places about me. I think surely those so long expected will come today and I will have my chance to serve, but, alas, they fail to come. Even the kind pastor passes me by on his way to greet his flock. I can see in his very eye that he sincerely hates me. He wishes that I were not here. He is deeply hurt that I must be thus occupying valuable space. I am comfortable and attractive. I have been made to fit the curves of the body, to give rest and comfort to tired muscles. Every tiny splinter has been removed from my surface and I have been adorned with shellac and polish. Why don't someone hear my plea and put me to use? Why?

Maybe I'll be speaking again. Until you come to church and use me, I will ever be,

Your
M. T. PEW.

BISHOP MOORE'S ENGAGEMENTS

Bishop Arthur J. Moore is devoting his time and strength to the promotion of the Bishops' Crusade. February 23 to March 5 was spent in the Crusade headquarters at Nashville in connection with plans and preparation for the Churchwide Commemoration, April 23-25.

Bishop Moore has announced the following speaking engagements:

Marion, S. C., March 7, a. m.; Charleston, S. C., March 7, p. m.; Orangeburg, S. C., March 8, a. m.; Sumpter, S. C., March 8, p. m.; Augusta, Ga., March 10; Columbia, S. C., March 11-14; Nashville, Tenn., (office), March 18-23; Norfolk, Va., March 25; York County, Va., March 26, a. m.; Newport News, Va., March 26, p. m.; Franklin, Va., March 27; Portsmouth, Va., March 28, a. m.; Norfalk, Va., March 28, afternoon; Suffolk, Va., March 28, night; Richmond, Va., March 29.

Christian Education

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, MARCH 14

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

JESUS PRAYING FOR HIS DISCIPLES

When Jesus spoke first of going away, the disciples evidently thought he meant to depart to some obscure or difficult place, and Peter boldly declared his readiness not only to follow, but to lay down his life for him. Now he tells them plainly that he is returning to the Father. Their hearts filled with sorrow at the thought of separation from him on whom they so entirely depended, whereas, they would have been filled with joy had they only understood, as we should all rejoice if we could but comprehend the fact that God does nothing except for our good. Even yet, many cannot understand why Jesus refused a crown to accept a cross, or how stronger character is developed when we walk by faith and not by sight, by following the Spirit of truth rather than a pillar of cloud. Jesus was crucified on Calvary that he might be crowned forever in the hearts of men. Until he had suffered to the uttermost on behalf of sinful men, the Spirit could not guide men into all the marvelous truth of God's love and mercy. The mission of him that is sent is not complete till the messenger returns. It was so with Jesus.

Jesus prayed for himself that the sustaining presence of the Father might go with him from his humiliation to his glorification, and for his disciples that they might be kept from the contamination of the world of evil men and institutions. The material world, as such, is not evil. Its forces and resources are necessary for the physical life and well-being of man, though excess of riches and power may become a means of temptation and ruin. The disciples are in the midst of an evil and incompatible world, but not of it. It opposes them because the truth they teach, the Christ they preach, and the life they live condemn its spirit and methods.

Christian duty may demand submission to personal wrong and injustice, even bitter persecution, but Christians are not to be passive in an evil society. Mere passivity is often equivalent to participation. Jesus in his own person was submissive even unto death, but he cried aloud against those in the seat of authority who laid on the shoulders of the helpless burdens they would not touch with a finger, who shut up the kingdom of heaven against men, who devoured widow's houses, and he drove from the temple those who had obtained a concession of graft in that holy place. He condemned those who gloried in the greatness of authority, and wicked husbandmen and unjust judges. While his mission did not bring him into direct conflict with the despotic governments of his day, his whole teaching was in condemnation of those who trampled upon the rights of the individual. As citizens of democracies, Christians have a distinct and direct duty to oppose social and political evils of every sort, to take the part of the underprivileged and helpless. Moreover, it is the duty of Christians to preach and to teach aggressively till the world of evil is overcome by the truth that makes men free, and the world is brought to the feet of God.

Jesus prayed that the relations of his followers might be close and intimate like that between himself and the Father —"that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us." This figure is often used by Jesus. "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them." "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you." Perhaps we are not to interpret his prayer as a plea for one organization, or church. Much more may be accomplished by unity without union than by union without unity. As men may be good citizens and belong to different political parties, so they may be good Christians and belong to different churches. Certainly Christians cannot be antagonistic.

Let us guard against corruption and usurpation, and above all and beyond all let us guarantee to the coming generations the inestimable privileges of education and the freedom of the press, for when they are shackled and restricted, the hands of liberty are powerless.—Albert Pike in 1834.

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The Christian Fireside

RICH LITTLE POOR MAN

(Anonymous)

I know a man, though very poor,
His Father is a King.
Of earthly goods he has no store,
But how he loves to sing:

Poor in houses, poor in land,
Poor in oil and paying sand.
Rich in losses, poor in gain;
Honest toil seems all in vain.
Poor little rich man, hear him sing
Praises to the Heavenly King.

I know a man so very rich,
His Father is a King.
He is the man who digs a ditch,
But how he loves to sing:

Rich in health, rich in love;
Rich in mercies from above.
Rich in deeds of being kind,
Rich in blessed ties that bind.
Rich little poor man, sweetly sing
Praises to the Heavenly King.

I know a man both poor and rich.
He is the digger of a ditch.
His choir is one that is not paid.
He sings while toiling with his spade.
Poor in gold bonds, rich in grace.
See the smile upon his face.
Only a poor sand banker here
In heaven a multi-millionaire.
Rich little poor man, sweetly sing
Praises to the Heavenly King.

THE FIRST MISSIONARY SHIP

It is 140 years ago, on August 10, that the little ship Duff, of 267 tons, with a purple flag at the masthead, slipped away from Blackwell to Gravesend carrying the first missionaries to the South Seas, and herself the first missionary ship. Many people collected on the banks of the Thames to wave her farewell, and the Thames shipping was startled to hear a hymn being sung on her deck. The newly formed London Missionary Society paid £5,000 for the ship, and her captain, James Wilson, thought her "the first-rate vessel of her burden in the river."

Wilson himself was probably the most remarkable man on board. He had been at Bunker Hill, and under Warren Hastings in the bid for India, and had spent two years as prisoner in Hyder Ali's Black Hole at Seringapatam. Coming home, still a young man, he was converted in the Baptist Chapel at Horndean and volunteered to command the Duff. There is a plate to his memory on a house at Ruskin Park, Denmarkhill, where he lived in retirement.

On board the Duff as missionaries were a shoemaker, harness maker, tailor, hatter, linen draper, bricklayer, carpenter, surgeon, cabinet maker, gardener, blacksmith, cooper, butcher, weaver, and shopkeeper. A very curious and perhaps hardly competent fellowship for the great adventure. Most of them were amateur theologians and most of Wilson's time was taken up in settling theological disputes. Off Gravesend a man o' war's captain was very doubtful when told that the cargo was "missionaries and provisions," and sent a midshipman to inspect the ship.

What became of the Duff is one of the mysteries of the sea which will probably never be cleared. She suffered terribly in a Cape Horn gale, and after dropping her missionaries at Tahiti came home by China with a good cargo of tea, which helped to pay her running expenses. Her second voyage was disastrous, as she was captured by the French and disappeared up the River Platte, not before, however, she had added a touch of romance and adventure to the modern missionary enterprises.—C. N., in The British Weekly.

CHIANG'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

The following Ten Commandments have been issued and are distributed on a postcard to the soldiers of China. These are the Ten Commandments of the Officers' Moral Endeavour Association, and are brought to the attention of the soldiers through the Y. M. C. A. work that is carried on under the direction of the Generalissimo:

1. Thou shalt not covet riches.
2. Thou shalt not fear to die.
3. Thou shalt not advertise thyself for vain glory.
4. Thou shalt not be proud.
5. Thou shalt not be lazy.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery nor gambling.
7. Thou shalt not smoke.
8. Thou shalt not drink wine.
9. Thou shalt not borrow money.
10. Thou shalt not lie.—Christian World.

Twins

The Siamese twins of Satan, the sword and the saloon, are on the throne. America's one hope was not in repeal, but in repentance; not in revenue, but in righteousness; not in returning to grog, but in returning to God.—Selected.

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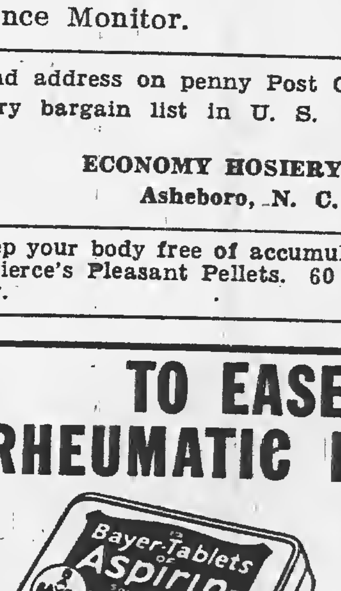

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
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Mrs. Gilman McConnell, Director of Scarritt Associates, writes as follows:

"Dear Fellow-worker of the Missionary Society: Last summer I sent out a letter to all officers of the Woman's Missionary Societies of our Church in Louisiana, asking them to help with a drive to increase the friends of our splendid Scarritt College for the training of Christian workers, this group of friends to be known as 'Scarritt Associates.' I explained in that letter that 'Scarritt Associates' were a group much like an alumni association, giving their interest, sympathy and support to the College. Financial contributions were stressed but little, these ranging from $1 to any amount a person felt able and willing to give. I also mentioned that an auxiliary might enter with the contribution of a lump sum, also ranging from $1 up, provided every name and address of the members of such a group was listed.

"The response to my letter was immediate and gratifying. So much so in fact that Louisiana has led other states from the beginning of the campaign up to the present time.

"And yet—we have not reached our quota of 258 members! We have 196 up to the present time! This means we are short 62 members.

"That is why I am writing you today. The latter part of this month, will come the Annual Meeting of our State Woman's Missionary Society in Homer. At that meeting, reports will be given of the progress made in all departments, Scarritt College included. Dr. Earl Moreland, vice president of Scarritt, will be our guest at that meeting. I desire very much to make a report showing that we have achieved our full quota!

"You will probably hold another zone meeting before the end of the quarter. Here is the way I have figured it out: there are seven District secretaries—and if each one will get nine names and addresses of Scarritt Associates, we will have our quota! I feel sure you will help me carry out this project.

"In the past some auxiliaries have sent in collective amounts in this fashion: 'Enclosed find .... dollars from .... auxiliary.' They have only given the name of the group, not of the individual members. Now what I want is to have names and addresses of the individuals who comprise your auxiliary, provided the group sends in a collective subscription. In this way we can get our 'Associates,' for we cannot list an auxiliary as an Associate. It must be persons, not auxiliaries, that we list in our reports.

"I do hope that you can assist in bringing up our quota to what it should be. Judging from your splendid co-operation in the past, I feel that the success of this project is already assured. But remember, the time to act is NOW. For I need the names, addresses and subscriptions before March 25.

Most sincerely,
MRS. GILMAN McCONNELL."
Box 356, Baton Rouge, La.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

Place of Conference—Aberdeen.
Date of Conference—April 6-9.
Time to elect delegate—March.
To whom to send delegate's name—Mrs. R. A. Tucker, Aberdeen, Miss.

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Bible Study: "The Radiant Heart," Costen J. Harrell; "Songs in the Night," Mary de Bardeleben; or any other study listed in the 1936-1937 list.

Mission Books: "Out of Africa," Embry Ross. The Call Drum is a striking poster provided for use in connection with "Out of Africa."

A pamphlet on our work in Africa is just coming from the press. It has been prepared especially for use as supplementary material in the study of "Out of Africa." Order Call Drum and pamphlet from Literature Headquarters, 712 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn. Price, 10 cents each.

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We shall have a fine opportunity to work with the pastors in a study of "By the Waters of Bethesda," but we cannot count that study on our Efficiency Aim.

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Plans are being formulated for study and training in our Conference Training School at Grenada, Miss., in June. Send your mission study leader to this school.

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Mrs. Brown's address is now Tribbett, Miss.

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Mrs. W. J. East, Senatobia, Miss., wrote this: "I am sending one dollar to become a Scarritt Associate. I wish that it were more."

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In Memoriam

JACOB COHEN

Several weeks ago, there passed from our midst a man of sterling character—a Christian gentleman—Jacob Cohen. It seemed but "the opening and closing of a door," for death did not take him far away from his loved ones and friends. So life-like he looked, so gentle, so kind!

Mr. Cohen came from a town in Germany to the little town of Carrollton in America. There he married Christine Nicolaison at the home of the late A. H. Ahten.

Mr. Cohen was a convert to the Christian faith through the influence of his devoted wife. Together they, with a few others, faithfully and happily wrought to establish the Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church.

For many years Mr. Cohen was a prosperous merchant, and he contributed largely of his means to help this little, struggling church that has now become a center of loving activity for our Lord and Master.

Jacob Cohen was thoughtful of others, of the poor, and he lived a kindly life, always speaking in a friendly fashion of everyone with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Cohen was not only a loving, devoted husband, but he was always a true friend. This writer and many others have this memory of him.

We pay this homage in this writing and think of him as numbered with the saints before the throne of God.

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MRS. S. S. FINGER

The death of Mrs. S. S. Finger, on February 14, 1937, at her home in Ripley, Miss., removes from the Ripley Methodist Church one of its gentle and most faithful women. Mrs. Finger was eighty-one years of age and, uniting with the church at an early age, gave to it a long period of active service. Coming to Ripley from a neighboring community with her family in 1905 and bringing her membership with her, she attended services regularly until recent years when failing health confined her to her home. Her noble Christian character made her one of the most lovable women in the community. In her declining days she bore her suffering quietly and patiently. In their visits to her bedside, friends never heard Mrs. Finger complain. They went to encourage her, but instead they were encouraged by her serene spirit.

Mrs. Finger never spoke unkindly of anyone. She was always generous in her sympathies and charitable in her disposition. She went about doing good. More than one home in sorrow felt the kindness of her faithful ministry. The day of her passing marked the sixtieth aniversary of her marriage to Mr. S. S. Finger, who survives her, and their companionship was not only long but singularly beautiful. Mrs. Finger showed rare devotion to her husband and children, thinking always of their comfort and happiness above her own.

The hospitality of her home was always extended to others. Friends found it a delightful place to visit. It was her peculiar pleasure to entertain the ministers of her church, and many ministers were given a gracious welcome in her home.

The funeral service was held in the Ripley Methodist church on February 16, at 10 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. J. Cunningham, assisted by Rev. J. D. Wroten, Rev. E. H. Cunningham and Rev. T. H. Dorsey. Rev. J. A. George, a former pastor, attended the service and sat in the pew with Mrs. Finger's family. Brother Dorsey made a beautiful eulogy, speaking in appreciative terms of Mrs. Finger's Christian womanhood. The throng of friends who filled the church auditorium and the floral gifts bore eloquent testimony of the esteem in which she was held by many friends. Her body was buried in the Ripley cemetery.

Besides her husband, Mr. S. S. Finger, Mrs. Finger is survived by a son, J. E. Finger, of Ripley, and Mrs. S. W. Wardlaw, of Memphis. Mr. S. S. Finger is chairman of the Board of Stewards of the Ripley Methodist church and has been one of the leading laymen of the North Mississippi Conference for a number of years. To him and his children the sincere sympathy of a host of friends is given. They have left to them the undying influence of a devoted wife and mother and a saintly Christian woman.

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THIRTY-SIX YEARS AT SOOCHOW

(Continued from page 9)

but among the thousands of students who have gone through the University is the speaker before you this morning, who gratefully acknowledges that to Christian education, more than to anything else, he owes all that is best. It was while there as a student that he had a religious experience, a revelation which led him to know Christ, and led him to a living God, to know Him as a communicable, Divine protector of all mankind.

It was while there as a student, through association with the consecrated and devoted missionaries, and through Christian teachers of the University, that he began to understand the difference between living for ideas rather than for material things, and also the beauty and the nobility of service.

It was while there as a student, through the study of the Holy Scriptures, and through listening to expositions of the gospel message, that he first began to appreciate the spiritual significance and meaning of life. It was while there as a student that he was led to that true source of true wisdom which gave him power to see that there are greater realities in life than those things which are usually considered as real by the masses of the people. It was while there as a student that he first discovered and experienced that source of spiritual strength which can sustain him, when he is weak, refresh him when he is despairing, lift him up when he is falling, and which can give him hope and faith in all conditions and at all times.

It was while there as a student that he first knew something of an invisible companion in life, who is always present to help, encourage and guide, in the utmost loneliness and in times and circumstances in which we sometimes find ourselves. It was the impressions and ideas gathered there as a student that made me willing to respond to the call to join the circle of Christian workers in the field of Christian education.

Such is the experience of one of those many thousands of students who have passed through that institution. Such, I believe, must have been the experience of many others. Such, I also believe, in varying degrees and in varying forms, is the experience of most of those who pass through the institution. No young man or young woman, spending several years in an institution with a Christian objective and Christian atmosphere, can go out into the world without being somewhat, somehow touched by the ennobling and elevating influence of Christianity.

However, the results of our work are not all intangible and invisible. During the 36 years we have turned out into society about 1,250 graduates. Many of them have attained to positions of prominence and responsibility in various walks of life, not only because they are competent, but I have heard time and again from outsiders, because they are trustworthy.

Our science graduates are holding positions of responsibility as members of science colleges, heads of departments or professors of some line in most, if not all, of the Christian universities of China today. The most prominent and successful lawyers in the great metropolis of Shanghai are Soochow graduates. In the field of finance, in the banking field of China—the oldest and best known Government banks, their manager for Shanghai, for Nanking, for Hong Kong, and I am not sure whether it includes Hankow, are all former students of Soochow University.

In the field of education, the first President of the Central Government University in Nanking was a Soochow University student, and now in the 13 Christian colleges and universities in China, our graduates are presidents for three of them. It is not very significant that Soochow University should pick one of its own graduates for president, but if other institutions pick our graduates to head up their institutions, such action has a little more significance.

In the field of social and religious service, in the Y. M. C. A., in five of the most important centers, Shanghai, Nanking, Soochow, Swatow, they are all filled by graduates of Soochow University. In the most distinctly religious field of service, we can count as our graduates, Dr. Z. T. Kaung, pastor of the Allen Memorial Church and chairman of the Executive Council of the China Conference; Z. S. Zia, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the China Conference; Z. K. Zia, Chinese editor of the Chinese Literature Society; T. C. Chao, dean of the School of Religion of Nanking University, the largest Christian university in China.

We have, therefore, made a fairly noticeable contribution to China and to the growth of religious work in China, taking into consideration the fact that we are but one of the 13 Christian colleges in China, and only one of the 110 colleges and universities we have in China at present. I will close with two observations:

1. Since the establishment of Soochow University, much water has flowed under the bridge of China. Soochow University has changed. China has changed. The Educational system has changed. When we first opened, education was still a matter of family concern, and not a Government undertaking. Therefore, we were monarch of all that we surveyed. Whether good or bad, we were the only institution. The situation is different today. In Soochow alone, a dozen institutions of middle school grade and upward have sprung up, and in the whole of China three and a half million students have been added to the primary school enrollment in the last five years, and the amount of money spent has increased from $110,000,000 to a quarter of a billion dollars.

What is our reaction to that? I may look at it in two ways: Since China is supplied with educational facilities, we can retire or reduce our program of work. We may do so, if we are prepared to have the thought of China filtered through and be affected by non-Christian thought, and thus have the future leaders of China trained by non-Christian agencies in a non-Christian atmosphere. There is only one kind of men who rule the world—the seers and thinkers. There is only one source that is invincible and irresistible—ideas and ideals. If we want to Christianize China, we must Christianize the thought of China. We have heard from this platform yesterday that we must out-think the pagan world. In China at this time, we must out-think the pagan if we are to make modern China a Christian China.

There are many forces working in China today. China is flooded with all sorts of modern isms, and there is quite a great danger of her being married to a false god. If we want to keep China as the bride of the true Church of God, and not married to the state or any false god, this is the time when we should speak out or forever hold our silence. This is the time when the Christian Church must speak to China loudly enough, constantly enough and convincingly enough to be heard above the din and confusion of the false gods.

2. Soochow University is a part of the Christian Church, part of the Methodist Church. It is not only an undertaking of the Church, it is part of the Church. For in the relation which the institution bears to the Church, the administration of the Church is present in the University. The University is responsive to every call of the Church. Our Church is often divided into evangelistic, medical and educational, but we are all working together for the same great object, and I can assure you that there is the greatest co-operation and unity of spirit. I am just as much interested in Dr. Manget's medical work as I am in the development of the institution entrusted to me by the Church. Not only do we have the same objective, but we all look to the same source of strength and to the same source of inspiration.

My prayer for Soochow University has been: May God's strength support us. May God's wisdom guide us. May His will be done and His glory shine in and through us for the enlightenment and salvation of China, and for the redemption of the world, of which China is a part!

The shall and shall not of our desire are expediency and prejudice which are so numerous as to lose the untrained man in a wilderness of doubt.—Thomas R. Marshall.

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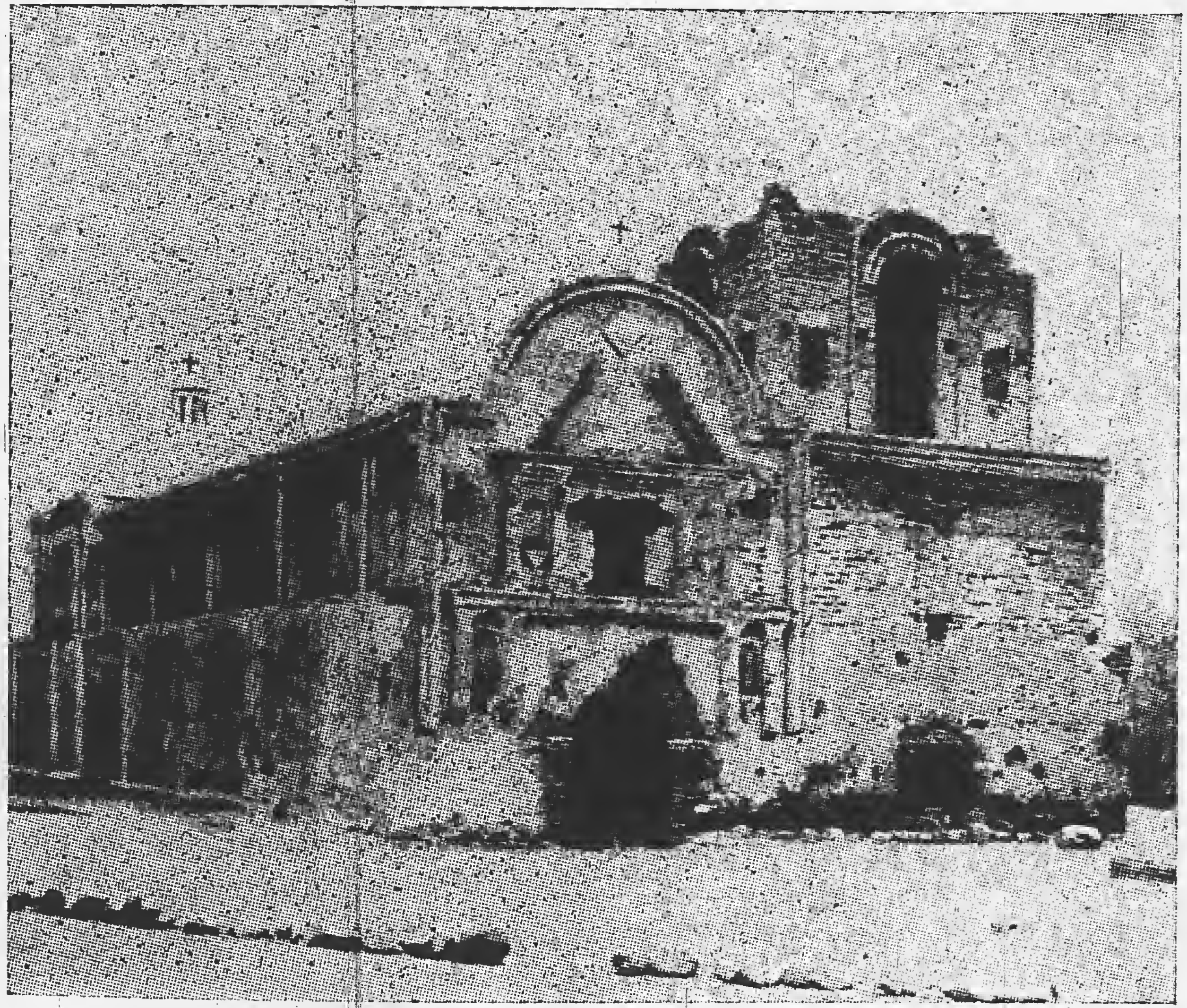
A Religious and an Agricultural Pioneer



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Wallet of the Week

NATIVES OF HAWAII regard prayer as a means of destruction as well as blessing. They manage to secure a lock of hair, or some other physical identification of an enemy, they place it in a bowl and then announce to the object of their hate: "I am going to pray you to death." It is said that they literally accomplish the destruction of many people in that fashion. This is a horrible perversion of a means of grace, but is it really much different from the war prayers of more civilized people? Are not our war prayers really imprecations of an enemy?

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THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES in Louisville, Kentucky, have reported that more than three hundred white and colored churches have been destroyed or severely damaged in the flooded areas of the Ohio River. It is estimated that more than a quarter of a million dollars will be necessary to restore them so that they may serve for worship. Such a sum of money under ordinary circumstances would not seem so great, but when it falls upon people whose personal fortunes have shared the same fate it is a very serious matter. Appeals for help have gone to the entire Church.

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AMONG CURIOUS SURNAMES, a feature writer of **The Methodist Recorder** lists that of a Negro king of the West Coast of Africa. The name is this: "King Hagabahasamadasabalanarahilaragaradalammasakalafarahamalalaladalahsatarahnamahagabaha." Of the eighty-five letters composing his name, practically one-half of them are a's. No intimation of its pronunciation or meaning is given, but the writer thinks that, if such were his name posted on the bulletin board outside his church, it would have a stunning effect upon the passerby. There will probably be few who would contest that opinion.

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THE OXFORD GROUP MOVEMENT, regardless of the criticism of its method and leadership, has to its credit a daring faith and a worthy devotion. Men and women who dare to say, "We will remake the world," and who think it worth while to ask, "What is God's way?" will make themselves felt in the world. Many of them will make mistakes, and it is to be expected that such a movement would become the target of critics, but criticism never solved many great problems. The courage with which the Group faces up to many of the issues affecting civilization today and its interest in the spiritual and social fortunes of men tomorrow will win the respect of the world.

THE SCARLET ARMY OF CRIME is the term applied by the Secretary of War to an army of American criminals numbering not less than four hundred thousand, three times the size of the standing army of the United States. The estimated cost of crime to the American people is thirteen billion dollars a year. The annual personal toll is twelve thousand murdered, three thousand kidnapped, one hundred thousand assaulted, and fifty thousand robbed—all this the result of the guerrilla warfare of American criminals.

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WILLIAM H. HASTIE, whom President Roosevelt has appointed to the post of District Judge of the Virgin Islands, is probably the first Negro ever appointed to a federal judgeship. He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, thirty-two years ago and moved to Washington, D. C., when a child. He did his college work at Amherst, graduating in 1925. In law, he is a graduate of Harvard. For several years he has been an assistant solicitor in the Department of the Interior where he is said to have had considerable experience in dealing with the problems of Territorial and Island possessions.

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SIRIUS, BETTER KNOWN AS THE DOG STAR, is a subject of no little scientific interest and speculation at the present. Its brightness, recognized by the most unscientific observer, is probably due to its nearness as compared with other stars. The interesting thing to scientists is its recently discovered companion. The dim and hitherto unknown star is believed to be composed of matter fifty thousand times as heavy as water, and it is said that a matchbox full of the material would weigh a ton. But no such substance, known or unknown, could be of that density, say the scientists. Then what?

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THE IRON GUARD, a Fascist organization in Roumania, came near to precipitating an international crisis recently. The organization staged a spectacular funeral for two of their members who were killed fighting for the rebels in Spain. Four ambassadors are alleged to have marched in the funeral procession. The Roumanian government made strong protest to Germany, Italy, Poland and Japan, the countries involved in the unseemly demonstration, and the German and Italian ministers have been withdrawn. It is likely that the Roumanian government will be reorganized with Premier Tatarescu, who resigned on account of the demonstration, as the head.

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EDITORIAL

ALLOTRIOEPISCOPOS

This caption, which was brought to our attention by Bishop Hughes, is a transliterated Greek word occurring only once in the New Testament, 1 Peter iv. 15. The general idea appears in the Septuagint or Greek translation of the Old Testament many times, but never this particular combination. Probably the closest parallel of the idea is to be found in Epictetus, but no matter what suggestions may be found in classic writings, it remained for the rugged and original fisher disciple to join two words, divorced in every implication, for expressing the sum of all hypocrisies and for attaching an imperishable label to conduct forbidden by every rule of Christian faith. This word is translated "a busybody" and "a meddler in other men's matters," but it seems that a more literal translation might be "bishop of other people's business, or of unbecoming conduct." It seems that Peter was referring to the office of a bishop solely for the sake of the contrast which he had in mind, and which all would instantly recognize. So he joins an exalted and holy office with conduct which is a moral outlaw, for heightening the sense of unworthiness in those for whom he writes. If the whole connection be considered, it will help to make clear the fact that Peter was trying to say that all sin is utterly inconsistent with the profession and practice of Christianity. This unusual combination of Greek words is another example of the genius of the rugged son of Bethsaida for translating the verities of Christian faith and conduct into the unforgettable coinage of a great mind and a desperately earnest soul. The heinousness of the character condemned is brought out by the use of two ideas which nominally have nothing in common. Peter is, therefore, pleading for a Christianity stripped of all heathen and pagan inconsistencies which can only bring the very name, Christian, into disrepute. In this day of moral shifting and the revival of paganism, we need a mighty sifting of the Spirit of God that our lives and leadership may be made to harmonize with the passion and holy purpose of the Captain of our salvation. Certainly we must not forget that we cannot be bishops of outlawed conduct and instruments of righteousness and truth all in one.

CULTURAL INDEPENDENCE

An amazing fact concerning the progress of education in all countries, has been the reaction against the impulse and the institution which together have made the largest contribution toward the intellectual development of all classes. We refer, of course, to religion and the Church. That reaction has been neither sudden nor revolutionary, as some might suppose, but it appears to have been more the struggle of life to interpret itself and its needs—not in any sense a deliberate repudiation of either the values or the purposes of religion as such. The history of education, however, reveals a disposition to seek education as an end in itself, and even of an unconscious break with the Church, the mightiest factor in popular education. Nearly a hundred years ago the drift toward cultural independence found expression upon the lips of Juarez, the Mexican reformer, who said: "Mexicans need a religion which will force them to read, not to spend money on candles for the saints." Years later, Lafcadio Hearn made the rift more definite by his insistence that Christianity in Japan should submit to a measure of accommodation to existing Japanese religions or else retire from the land. More recently a commentator upon Africa made the claim that a liberal policy upon the part of religion is necessary in Africa. Christianity, according to his view, should not be presented as an antagonism of African aspirations, but as their fulfillment. The plea was not for a degradation of Christianity, but for a Christian evaluation of Africa's experience and customs. Of the same kind has been the attitude which the young Turks have toward Islam. They say that Islam is dead and the sooner they free themselves from the rigid traditions of orthodox Islam, the sooner will they attain cultural independence. In recent months, both Germany and Japan have made unemployment among the literate classes the occasion for a reduction of the number of university students and an excuse for army recruiting. The meaning of all this is that the loss of the Christian emphasis upon the values of education tends to shunt aside religion and the Church and even to cause denial of the place of religion in life. It is no less true that the predominance of the cultural ideal ends in the degradation of culture itself and a tendency to deprive the multitudes of that literacy for which the Church has fought for a thousand years. It tends to make man the target of international hate and the victim of intellectual and spiritual darkness.

"THE HOUSE OF DESOLATION"

Personal achievement often hides the scars which mark the soul, and not infrequently too much is taken for granted because of the position and character of one's family and connection. The story of the upbringing of Rudyard Kipling, as told in his recently published autobiography, will doubtless furnish surprising revelations for many a reader. The fact that he was a grandson of two Methodist preachers and the son of a British representative in India has been seized upon for creating a romance of character and blood, which does not seem to have been altogether justified. Such a romance fails to find place for the amazing fact that the responsibilities of parenthood sat so lightly upon his father and mother that they went off to India and left their little son for many years in "The House of Desolation"—a place in which a woman kept the children of parents who were away in India. The practice seems to have been common among government officials and the attitude of Kipling to the parents who left him to such care indicates no feeling of resentment or censure. That he was loyal and devoted to them is shown again and again. Probably the nearest that he ever came to expressing reproach was when he told a group of students: "No shortcomings on the part of others can save us from the consequences of our own shortcomings." He did not indicate that the statement was a reflection upon his own childhood experience, but one cannot escape the feeling that it might have been so. In the same manner, he gave a variation of the thought in the words: "It is the little things, in microbes or morale, that make us, as it is the little things that break us." Another revelation in the autobiography is Kipling's appreciation of the Salvation Army and his respect for the forthright religious fervor and method of General William Booth who strode across the rostrum at Oxford, clad in robes which indicated the degree which had just been conferred upon him, and said to Kipling, "Young fellow, how's your soul?" In his rising above handicaps, Kipling was perhaps one in a hundred thousand, and his recording of his parental experience should serve to give new meaning to the responsibilities of parenthood today. Shall our children record a legacy of scars, or shall they carry precious recollections of treasures of love and devotion? No romance of a religious ancestry, or of political distinction, or even of personal fame can efface from human recollection the scars made upon the soul in the days of its innocence.

DIAMOND SUTRA

"Diamond Sutra" was the title of a book printed by Wang Chieh of Japan in 868 A. D. It was printed from hand-carved wooden blocks and the date is exactly six hundred years before the death of Gutenberg, the inventor of movable type. It is claimed to be the earliest known record of a printed book. The story of Cadmus, the Phoenician king, goes much further back, but it is mythological in character—at least its historical accuracy cannot be established.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

DEAD FROGS

Among the vague recollection of things we were supposed to study in college is one concerning the galvanic battery. Out of the dim and distant past we recall an experiment in the (we think) department of physics, in which the application of a galvanic current to certain muscles in a dead frog's leg would make the dead tailless amphibian jump as if it were alive. It was all very interesting.

The art of mounting dead animals and birds has reached a high degree of perfection. An expert can impart a very life-like appearance to any reptile, bird, or mammal. Put a properly stuffed bullfrog on a log in a pool of water and it would be hard to tell him from a live one.

But one fact remains—a dead frog is a dead frog. No matter how he acts when you touch him with an electric current, and no matter how he looks when he has been properly stuffed, he is as dead as Hector. And he will stay that way.

One of the many differences between a dead frog and a live one is that the live frog is equipped with a self-starter—he moves under his own power. If he wants to jump, he jumps, and that ends the matter—unless he wants to keep on jumping. A dead frog stays put very nicely, no matter what you do to him.

It is a waste of good time and valuable energy to try to make a live frog out of a dead one. If a man wants a live frog, he ought to go out and catch him one.

Dead issues are very much like dead frogs.

Unification

METHODIST UNION

By Dr. J. L. Decell

Methodism, which began its service in the United States of America in Maryland and New York sometime between 1760-1770, organized into the Methodist Episcopal Church in America at Baltimore in 1784, was a vital organism. Its vitality was evidenced in one way by the Methodist denominations which grew out of this original Church.

Growing with the new republic, American Methodism was subject to the impact of the several ideals and convictions which some judged to be controllingly important at certain stages of national development. Thus there grew up during the first sixty years the following denominations: Primitive Methodist, 1791; Republican Methodist, or Christian Church (O'Kelly), 1792; African Union Church, 1813; African Methodist Episcopal, 1816; African Methodist Episcopal Zion, 1817; Canadian Methodist, 1828; Methodist Protestant, 1830; Wesleyan Methodist, 1841. In 1844 majority and minority groups of the General Conference disagreed over constitutional questions occasioned by slavery and adopted a Plan of Separation; and the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (1845-46), have been separate denominations for more than ninety years.

Now four of these branches (the Primitive Methodist having united with the Methodist Protestant in 1936) have a plan to re-unite. A Joint Commission on Interdenominational Relations and Church Union, composed of sixty-five members appointed by their respective General Conferences, twenty-five each from the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal, South, and fifteen from the Methodist Protestant, worked faithfully and prayerfully on a Plan for Union, completing their work in the summer of 1935.

Knowing and feeling somewhat of the history of their own Churches, these commissioners realized that reasonable concessions were necessary if there were to be a united Methodism. In due Christian courtesy, fraternity and loyalty, the work of the Plan was accomplished. Acceptance of the common Faith, continuance of the evangelistic, missionary and educational purposes, and incorporation of historic polity were taken for granted. The Six Restrictive Rules were included without hesitation.

Laying hold of the golden thread that seamed the commission of Dr. Lovick Pierce in 1846 and following Commission activities beginning with Cape May in 1876, and General Conference and Commissions down to the present, one traces a continuing purpose to realize a united Methodism.

In this is seen three important requisites of the recorded Southern viewpoint: (1) Power outside of the General Conference to determine the constitutionality of that Conference's action. (2) Adequate adjustment of race relationships. (3) Protection of minorities.

The proposed Plan, adopted by the Joint Commission without a dissenting vote, sets up a Judicial Council apart from the General Conference and determines the constitutionality of that Conference's action. Jurisdictional and Central Conferences provide six regional conferences at home and certain foreign areas with freedom under law, initiative, measured autonomy and protection. This Jurisdictional and Central Conference Plan makes for administrative and promotional efficiency, and provides adequately for racial relations and development.

DR. Y. C. YANG

The Central Jurisdiction for Negroes, which indicates possible future Mexican or other racial group Jurisdictions, guarantees the Negro a constitutional status and assures him of his own Bishops, Boards or Commissions, and Jurisdictional secretarial leadership. The proposed Plan assumes that the test of Christianity is not obliteration of racial distinction, but the preservation of racial integrity, initiative, and development; and racial identities living helpfully side by side in the same territory.

Methodism is a Spirit. The proposed Plan purposes to unite the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church into a completing spiritual unity. It assumes a sum not in addition but in multiplication, ~~its~~ ideal being 1 x 1 x 1 equals 1.

The Plan is a human document and, therefore, may be expected to lend itself to a perfecting process as the needs of growing life in the future may demand. However, I believe the proposal is fair to the ideals, convictions, and principles of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It is an improved answer to the long-time desire for a united American Methodism and it visions a united Methodist brotherhood around the world.

Jackson, Miss.

CHRISTIANITY AND MODERN CHINA

By Y. C. Yang, President of Soochow University, Soochow, China

As we survey the situation, there are at least three things which will attract our attention. First, we see in a rapidly changing China one of the great facts of the present time. Secondly, we see in the question, whither China, one of the great problems of the day. Thirdly, we see in the influence of Christianity upon China one of the great factors deciding the final outcome of this great issue.

Christian missions have made outstanding contributions to the awakening and modernization of China, something which is generally admitted as well as appreciated in China. For modern education modern science, modern medicine, many modern reforms and social improvements and even for much of her present outlook, China is much indebted to Christianity and the Christian missions for their introduction and initial promotion. To the Christian institutions she is also much indebted for the training of many of the most competent and prominent leaders of the country.

There are now altogether only about half a million Protestant Christians in China. But the actual influence of Christianity in China far exceeds that which this numerical strength would lead us to believe. Dr. Sun Yat Sen, now often spoken of as the Father of the Chinese Republic, was a Christian. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, admittedly the outstanding popular leader of the present day, is also a Christian and a member of our own church. Such instances indicate that Christianity has not only taken root in China but has touched the peak of Chinese society.

But what Christianity has done for China is interesting history; what Christianity can and will do in China is the problem of the day. With the rise of modern China, the Christian movement has entered upon a new era, fraught with significance and consequence. It can and should be a period of great forward movement, but it may result in a set-back depending upon whether the Christian movement can keep pace with the changes and progress taking place in China.

China today is no longer a great mass of inertia and immovibility but has become an active, moving force in the world. This proverbial "sleeping giant"

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. John Rasmussen, pastor at Mansfield, will be the leader in Religious Emphasis Week at Louisiana Tech. Miss Hazel Lea Nowell is the chairman of the planning committee.

Dr. John T. Crebbin, of Shreveport, was a caller at the office during the time of our enforced absence. We appreciate his thought of us and regret that we could not be there to greet him.

Master William Dobbs Serex, the newest member of the presiding elder family in Shreveport, has been made a Life Member of the Missionary Society by the auxiliary of First Church, Shreveport.

A good friend of the Advocate writes: "I have been reading that good old paper ever since I knew how to read, and its success is very much desired by me." He is a layman and he means all that he says.

Our good friend, Dr. Dana Dawson, accuses us of looking back and turning into a telephone pole, comparing us to Lot's wife turning into a pillar of salt. A part of the charge we cannot deny, but we were looking straight ahead and we took the pole on the swing and without shock-absorbers.

Rev. C. E. McLean, of Vivian, sends a list of subscriptions and an encouraging note. Rev. I. T. Reams will be the Advocate representative for Vivian. We regret to learn of the recent illness of Brother Reams and his wife, but we are happy to report that they are both convalescent at this time.

That royal layman, Mr. A. M. Mayo, of Lake Charles, takes the time to write us a note which we appreciate very much. Elsewhere is a statement concerning the Superannuate Collection which we trust all our people may read and think over. Shouldn't the response have been better than is reported?

We are sorry to learn that Dr. Theodore Copeland was compelled to cancel the meeting which he had scheduled for Lake Charles, on account of the illness of Mrs. Copeland. We sincerely hope that her illness may be of short duration and that Dr. Copeland may be on the evangelistic trail again soon.

Rev. J. T. Harris says that he is very happy at Franklin. He gives an enthusiastic report of the attendance, organization and faithful financial response, and is looking forward to a good year. For our part, we do not know why any preacher should not be happy at Franklin. We do not know anywhere a finer people.

Chaplain A. F. Vaughan, who has been stationed at Barksdale Field for quite a while, has been assigned to duty in Hawaii. His friends in Louisiana and elsewhere will be glad to learn that he is spending a few weeks at 5940 Broadway St., San Antonio, Texas, before sailing for his new station in the mid-Pacific.

Rev. Louis Hoffpauir writes that, although he sent no letter for the Ruston District in the Advocate publicity given the work of the Memorial Mercy Home, he made a personal appeal to every pastor in the District and is expecting every charge to make a response in behalf of the work of mercy being done by Brother Snelling.

Mrs. F. A. Bacon, District Director of Adult Work, is sponsoring a series of banquets in Lake Charles District for promoting her department. She is said to be getting a fine response. At First Church, Crowley, recently there were one hundred and twenty-five present for a banquet and a program featuring an address by the pastor and musical numbers.

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

In connection with the promise of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and as a reason for the gift to the disciples was stated that they should become "Witnesses."

A witness is one who bears testimony to truth. This truth is known in the experience of the witness. In the courts of our land "hearing evidence" is not accepted. One cannot become a witness upon the knowledge and experience of others. We can readily see why this is so, because we hear so much that will not stand the test when tested by actual fact. These bits of evidence which are accepted in court are put together to establish a whole truth. Each witness may know more than his evidence would reveal.

In the matter of witnessing for our Lord it must be testimony based upon our own personal knowledge as experienced in our own lives.

I have seen a great many devout souls and have heard their testimonies while believing in their sincerity with all my heart, but I could not claim discipleship, nor become an authentic witness simply because someone else bears testimony to an experience which I know nothing about.

This would, of course, be a step in the right direction when I am convinced that such an experience is a possibility, and has become the possession of some whom I trust. If, however, I stop with mental assent or intellectual belief I have stopped before reaching the point at which Christian experience becomes my experience. I can not, therefore, be a competent witness.

To those first witnesses, even the presence of Christ in the body plus the many evidences of His power to perform miracles and do such wonderful works was not sufficient experience and knowledge to make them the type of witnesses which God needed and wanted them to be.

We are sometimes inclined to think that if we could have walked with Him and heard Him talk we should possess greater power. Many who looked on His face did not believe and become witnesses. Some even spat upon Him while others nailed Him to the cross. They saw His face and heard His voice.

Jesus left a command and a promise which appealed to His disciples to carry out and to seek out. After the command was obeyed and the promise fulfilled they then became those who "Turned the world upside down."

The same promise and the same command is ours. The same result will follow when we treat it as they did.

The greatest need of our church today is more witnesses who can bear testimony to the truth of the risen Christ who is the Saviour of men as experienced in their own lives.

We see the multitudes drift away into sin. Sometimes they drift from our own fireside, bear our likeness, and our blood courses through their veins, yet we stand powerless. Oh, for a witnessing church whose testimony shall consist not only of words of admonition, but of Godly lives in whom shall be seen a likeness of Him in whom there was no guile and who went about doing good.—Coushatta Methodist Messenger.

THE ELIZABETH LANGFORD UNION

The regular meeting of the Elizabeth Langford Union, on March 7, was the best of the year so far. The program centered around young people's Christian use of their money and their leisure time. The Kentwood young people, who report progress in constructive and fruitful work for God and their church, gave the devotional, consisting of hymns, Scripture, and two thought-provoking talks on tithing. A general discussion of the topic followed. Rev. Carl Lueg, of Hammond, gave an interesting address on Christian use of leisure time. He said that there is more leisure time now than ever before and that the Church has a definite stake in solving this problem. He said, too, that we as Christians must use our leisure for something worthwhile in His Kingdom.

The Union is assisting the young people of Tangipahoa Parish in their effort to drive slot machines from the Parish. There were ninety-six young people present at the meeting, and we feel that it was profitable in many ways.

MISS AVALYNN HASTINGS,
President.

SAFETY SIGNALS

The Kiwanis Club of Shreveport, La., held its annual meeting on Thursday last, at which time this brotherhood emphasized the religious need of its membership. Bishop Dobbs was the chosen speaker and he acquitted himself in his usual erudite and attractive manner. The ministers of the city were invited and most of them were present. The speaker emphasized the cardinal religious need of man as a primordial, innate faculty irrespective of values and denominational distinctions. It was gratifying to note the earnest and appreciative spirit with which his address was received. Jew, Romanist and Protestant met on a broad catholic basis and all were made to see how this primordial, common call unites men on the basis of common brotherhood.

Surely, if all men would follow and obey this inner voice the perplexing differences and hard problems that beset our social life would flee away like cloud shadows over the landscape.

Never have I witnessed more refined courtesy and kindly care than that which was shown the visiting ministers on this occasion. Our preacher, a few Sundays ago, told of an old Negro, a convert of the Salvation Army, who knelt in prayer before a statue of General Booth in Nottingham Chapel and cried out, "Do it again, Lord, do it again!" So we say to the Kiwanians and all good brotherhoods of this kind, "Do it again."

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THE SUPERANNUATE OFFERING

Dear Dr. Duren: The grateful note of appreciation from Mrs. W. H. Jordan in last week's Advocate, and others that were published and many that have come to me from recipients, constrains me to write a word about the Christmas offering.

We have 363 churches; 27 remitted offerings, amounting to $381.30, divided equally among the 62 claimants gave $6.15 to each.

A few remittances came too late, one as late as March 8.

I appreciate the fact that the Conference last year was held later than for some years past, and gave little time for preachers who had to move to make an appeal before December 20.

Yours sincerely,
A. M. MAYO.

PROGRAMS AT MOUNT SEQUOYAH AND LAKE JUNALUSKA

Now that the debts on Mount Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska have been cleared there will doubtless be renewed interest in these two summer centers for Southern Methodists. They have already made a notable contribution to our Church and are destined to be even more important with the approach of Methodist unification.

The General Board of Christian Education has plans well under way for its program in the summer schools for 1937. The General Board of Missions will share in making the program vital from the viewpoint of the world-wide task of the Church. The dates are:

Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas—Leadership School and Missions Conference, July 19-26; Leadership School, July 27-August 10; Young People's Leadership Conference, August 12-24.

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina—Young People's Leadership Conference, July 13-24; Leadership School and Missions Conference, August 3-10; Leadership School, August 12-26.

The significance of these events is such that our churches should send at least one representative to one of the meetings. The Young People's Leadership Conferences attract the attention of our choice young people each summer and the program being arranged will be as worthwhile as any that has been provided.

The Leadership Schools will offer courses of vital interest to workers with children, young people and adults, as well as some for pastors, superintendents, and other church leaders. The Missions Conference will give special emphasis to this phase of the Church's program. Platform addresses will be delivered by some of America's outstanding men.

Full information will be available later and may be secured from 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, upon request.

J. FISHER SIMPSON.

A MEDITATION ON THE CROSS*

Do I think of bearing the cross merely in terms of patient endurance of the inevitable suffering and sorrows which come to me in the course of my life? Does not this fall short of understanding one of the deepest meanings of the cross? Was not the cross of Christ a voluntary assumption of the sufferings of others, an identification of His very life with the interests and well-being of those less privileged than Himself? Though existing on an equality with God, He counted not privilege and power things to be grasped, but took upon Himself the form of man, suffering with humanity even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.

Do I measure my personal religion by this test?

Am I content with the condition of the world in proportion to my own good fortune, the happiness of my family, and the welfare of the economic class to which I happen to belong?

Or have I voluntarily identified my interests with those of folks less privileged than I am—with the poor, with the unemployed, with those who live in slums, with child laborers, with workers in the factory and on the farm, with women who toil, with Negroes, with oppressed peoples throughout the world?

Let me pause and think of the lot of each of these. As I meditate now before the cross of Christ, I do resolve to learn, by personal contact and study, more than I now know about what life is like for the least of these His brethren.

In humility, I ask myself, Am I as truly distressed over their situation as though it were my own?

Am I prepared to say, "so long as there is a lower class I am in it; so long as there is a soul in prison I am not free?"

Am I personally happy only as my life contributes something to increasing the measure of justice, and the possibilities of the good life for those who are now less privileged than myself? Am I bearing the cross?

Do I have in me that mind which was in Christ Jesus?

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*One of the new prayers in the second edition of "Prayers for Self and Society," by Rev. James Myers, Industrial Secretary, The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Association Press, New York. 15c per copy.

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Dr. J. Lloyd Decell, pastor of Galloway Memorial Church Jackson, writes us a brotherly note which we value very much, as we do the article which we publish elsewhere.

Rev. P. Olia Nix, pastor on Vancleave charge, sends us a list of three subscriptions, two of which are new. That is the type of work that will carry us forward to the "Ten Thousand" goal.

Dr. Henry T. Carley writes us that Satartia is again free of water, and coupled with that assurance is an invitation to come up and recuperate. But, like Dr. Carley himself, our vacation will be over when we are able to get out again.

Rev. C. C. Clark, pastor at Philadelphia, says that everything is moving well in his charge and he is expecting to receive a number of members at Easter. True to form, he sends us a list of six subscriptions for the Advocate with the assurance that he expects to send more soon.

Our friend, Rev. W. M. Sullivan, of Forest, says that he is a little duck in a little pond with no alligators, no snakes, no logger-head turtles, and no sea nettles in it. He has already received twenty-six members since Conference, and we guarantee that the waters of his little pond will be troubled with activity to the end of the year.

Mrs. S. C. Hinton, who writes for the mailing list for Bay Springs charge, sends with the request a subscription. She did not name all the post offices from which members get their mail. Please tell us the particular post offices through which mail goes to your charge and that will enable the manager to give you a complete list. We want to render every assistance possible.

SEASHORE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Dear Dr. Duren: Please announce in the Advocate that the District Conference for the Seashore District will meet in Bay St. Louis, Tuesday, April 20, at 9:30 a. m., and that Rev. J. L. Neill will preach on the opening day at 11 a. m.

L. J. POWER, P. E.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Dear Dr. Duren: Due to a closed highway to Meadville, the meeting of our District conference has been changed from Meadville to Crystal Springs. Pastors, please elect your delegates at once and mail list of same to Rev. J. W. Leggett, the pastor, and to me.

R. H. CLEGG, P. E.

CHRISTIANITY AND MODERN CHINA

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seems to have been thoroughly aroused and awakened. China seems to have sufficiently regained her balance, so that she now no longer staggers on in a zigzag, ill-defined course of action, but is able to move along on the right track, with a quick, steady pace. We now sense an atmosphere of life, activity alertness and eagerness in the air.

Concrete evidence of such change and progress are evident on every hand. The phenomenal development of public roads, to which more than 60,000 kilometers have been added during the last five years, is rapidly opening the country up and binding it together at the same time. In the field of education, the latest available statistics for the last five years show that three and a half million students have been added to the primary school enrollment, and that the amount spent by the national government for education has increased from $110,000,000 to over $250,000,000. Politically speaking the country is now effectively united under one central government, headed by a national leader who is not only backed up by the military forces of the country but also by the united sentiment and confidence of the people. Socially speaking, we find the women of the country placed on equal footing with men in legal status, political privilege, economic rights and educational opportunities, thus releasing a new force or a new factor for the development of the country. On the spiritual side we see a renewed emphasis on moral values and reliance upon spiritual forces as evidenced in the wide-spread popularity of the New Life Movement, started by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and now actively promoted by the Government.

But a greater point than the question whether and how fast China is changing is the question how and in what direction she is moving. For modern China is not only undergoing a process of fundamental transformation which involves every phase of her national life, but is moving along in the modern time when all sorts of ideas, theories and "isms" are clamoring for attention and struggling for supremacy. What voices are speaking to her? What forces are directing her course of action? These are weighty questions which will determine what sort of a new China will evolve from this period of great transition. This is the time of all times when Christianity should speak to China with a voice distinct, convincing enough so that its Gospel message can be fully heard and understood, so that she may have the proper sense of direction to get on the right track, and not be misled by false gods into the wrong path.

A moving, progressive China calls for a moving, progressive church. Material development without spiritual uplift is as much a source for concern as for gratification. For the church we may say that unless we can keep up with the progress China is making we will be either lagging behind or dropped off. The challenge of the hour to the Christian church and to us Christians is how can we, as a Christian force, make China move forward spiritually and religiously as other forces are evidently making her move forward in other directions of her national life? This is our particular task and sacred responsibility.

Time is of the essence in the present situation. The changes now going on indicate that China today is more sensitive and more responsive to external stimulus. Christianity can meet China today on the open road with an open mind. If we can seize the opportunity and take advantage of the rising tide, we can sail on smoothly and quickly; but if we should be slow and inactive we will miss it and get stuck in the bar which, although it may not indefinitely bar us from reaching the haven, will greatly delay the process at a time when no time can be lost.

We should hit the iron while it is hot! If we hit the iron while it is hot, we are sure to produce an impression. If we should wait until the iron gets cold and rigid, we may hit, but instead of producing an impression we may get a repulsion. If we do not help China at a time when she is getting on her feet and let her mind set under dominant non-Christian influence, once she is fully and steadily on her feet it would be difficult for us to convince her that Christianity must be an essential ingredient in her make-up and that she cannot permanently get along well without its enlightening and elevating influence.

There was once a time when Christianity knocked at the door of opportunity in China; now it seems that opportunity is knocking at the door of Christianity. One dollar and one man invested in the Christian enterprise in China today will probably produce more result than ten dollars and ten men invested in China ten years later. The net result of our endeavors is always the product of effort in times of opportunity.

The Christian enterprise in China is one of the greatest enterprises in the world. In the grandeur of its conception, boldness of its objective and the significance of its consequence there is hardly anything to compare with the Christian enterprise in China. For is there anything more grand than the spectacle of a procession of four hundred and fifty millions of people gradually being led from the shadow of darkness into the sunshine of divine grace? Is there anything more bold than to change and improve the spiritual and religious life of a people who have maintained thousands of years of independent development by supplying Confucianism with that distinct religious element which it lacks and by giving to the people the Christian dynamic of righteous living? Is there anything more significant in its consequence than the question whether this huge mass of humanity and powerful factor of culture and civilization should be definitely aligned with the Christian forces making for the betterment of the world or be left outside of the pale of Christian influence and be a stumbling-block in the way?

To China herself this is the greatest enterprise of all. Jesus Christ, and Him only, can answer the supreme call of China. There may be things which China already has and things which she still has to have for her natural reconstruction and regeneration, but without Jesus Christ and His Gospel, China's deepest need will not be met, the soundest foundation for reconstruction will not be found, and the highest attainment will not be possible. Jesus Christ and Him alone can give to China the best, the absolute and ultimate, in comparison with which all others are but secondary and temporary.

Looking at China not only as an entity in itself but also as a part of the world, we may say that on account of her vast area, large population, rich cultural heritage, strong racial vitality and great potential possibilities China is bound to be either a factor or a problem in the world situation.

Therefore, China with Christ and China without Christ will not only make a world of difference to herself but will also fundamentally affect her future relations to the rest of the world.

We are all intensely interested in the question, what will China do with Christianity? But we should remember that the answer to that question, in a large measure, depends upon the co-related question as to what will Christianity do with China? If we want to win China for Christ we must bring Christ to China. Particularly at this the most critical and crucial period of China's national life and development should we be vigilant and diligent so that modern China will be a Christian China.

NOTICE, BOARD OF MISSIONS

The annual meeting of the Board of Missions will convene in Nashville, Tenn., at Board of Missions headquarters, Doctors' Building, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4 and 5. Regular committee meetings will be held on Monday, May 3.

W. G. CRAM,
General Secretary.

GROUP MEETING

The initial group meeting of the year for the preachers of the coast section of the Seashore District was held at Ocean Springs on March 11. Rev. W. H. F. Vaughan was host pastor. The meeting was presided over by Rev. W. F. Fergusonson. The following pastors were present: L. J. Power (P. C.), A. J. Boyles, W. J. Ferguson, Swope Noblin, B. M. Lawrence, H. W. Van Hook, J. W. Thompson H. W. F. Vaughan, D. E. Vickers, Olia Nix. The program was as follows:

Morning devotional—Rev. J. W. Thompson.

"The Morning of Easter"—Rev. H. W. F. Vaughan.

"The Bishops' Crusade"—Rev. A. J. Boyles.

"Our Superannuates"—Rev. H. W. Van Hook.

Sermon—Rev. Swope Noblin.

Afternoon devotional—Rev. Olia Nix.

Benevolences—Rev. B. M. Lawrence.

"The Layman"—L. C. Corbin.

"Woman's Work"—Mrs. D. E. Vickers.

Round Table Discussion, led by L. J. Power.

Rev. G. W. Thompson extended a most cordial invitation to the group to meet in Long Beach for the next session.

A number of preachers' wives were present, also several laymen. The occasion was profitable to all.

SWOPE NOBLIN, Reporter.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

The annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held in the chapel of the Board of Church Extension Building, 1115 Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, beginning Tuesday, April 27, 1937, at 9 a.m. All applications to be considered by the Board at its annual meeting must be in the hands of the secretary on or before March 31.

T. D. ELLIS, Secretary.

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Proposed by Bob L. Pool

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The outcome of this suggestion depends on the responses to this inquiry. This matter is not before the Board of Church Extension for its acceptance until the voice of the women and of the Church is heard. Address all communications: Board of Church Extension, Division of Finance, 1115 Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

BEAUTIFICATION DEPARTMENT

Service for Women

Foreword: In recognition and appreciation of the splendid response the women of the Church gave to the Women's Department of the Board of Church Extension from its authorization by the General Conference of 1886 until the discontinuation of this Department in 1890, the Board acting as Trustee for the Women's Funds until 1910, the Board of Church Extension now proposes to offer the women of the Church a new and distinct service. This help does not contemplate the setting up of new organizations or interfering in any way with any work of Methodism. Rather, it would operate within the present rights of the Board and through the existing organizations of the local church and the Church at large.

I. The Need. Over the entire Church organized groups of women in the Church have been sponsoring beautification of church and parsonage grounds, the furnishings for parsonages and in some cases certain furnishings for churches, and occasionally the entire purchase of a parsonage. The women have met these obligations with funds raised by special methods. Often women have found it necessary to borrow money from local banks or individuals and sometimes to buy the materials on open account. The most enviable record in matters of finance has been made by organized groups of women. It is generally known that perhaps the best credit in the entire Methodist Church today is that of organizations of women. Thus, it is evident that there is a specific need for a loan service other than those of the present for the women of the Church, and that there is ample proof that they will repay such loans.

II. Purpose. The General Board of Church Extension proposes to sponsor a Church-wide movement for beautification of church and parsonage buildings and grounds, and for adequate furnishings. In some cases help toward building or purchasing of parsonages may be secured through this Department.

III. Service. The type of service that would be available to the organized groups of women follows under three headings:

(a). Faith Loans. This refers to loans to be placed upon the basis of a promissory note. These loans would be made out of special funds held by the Board of Church Extension. The amount of the loans would be limited to $50 as a mini-

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

The parsonage at Shaw, under the leadership of Rev. C. L. Rogers, has undergone considerable repair and further improvements are now under way.

Rev. J. W. Ward, of First Church, Greenville, sends us a renewal subscription for the Advocate, and also an appraisal of the paper which we genuinely appreciate.

Mrs. R. C. Simpson sends us an enthusiastic report of the sermon preached by Dr. Buhrman, the presiding elder, at Coffeeville recently. It was missionary in emphasis and spirit-filled in delivery.

Rev. A. W. Bailey, Swiftown, sends us a message which has a ring of victory: "I do not expect to stop until I have my quota." We sincerely appreciate both his loyalty and his determination.

Rev. W. R. Lott, the pastor, reports that construction of the new church at Oxford is making satisfactory progress, and a series of pre-Easter services will begin on March 21, in which he will do the preaching.

We regret to learn of the illness of Rev. T. E. Gregory, of Kosciusko. He was away from his study for eleven days on account of an attack of flu. We are glad to be able to report that he is on the road to recovery.

Byhalia charge has one of the most attractive parsonages in the Conference, an excellent educational building, and is now planning to redecorate and make beautiful the church auditorium. Rev. W. C. Beasley is the pastor.

A note from Dr. A. T. McIlwain, presiding elder of the Greenwood District, is greatly appreciated both for the interest in the injury to the editor, and for the approval of his stand on the use of public position as a means of personal gain.

Rev. W. O. Hunt, now in his first year at Kilmichael, came into the ministry from Sturgis charge when the editor was presiding elder of Columbus District. He assures us of full co-operation in the Advocate campaign and we feel sure that he will succeed.

The Young People's work of Columbus District is making good progress. Miss Edyth Lynne Russell, Conference Treasurer of Young People's Work, reports pledges from Kosciusko, Artesia and Starkville, and a remittance without a pledge from West Point.

Rev. Roy A. Grisham, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, has issued an itemized report of collections for Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise for the month of January. The report shows a total for January of $340.25, and the Aberdeen District is the leading contributor.

Rev. T. B. Thrower and his wife are popular and have made a great beginning at Drew. Dr. B. H. Booth and D. D. Hill, chairman and treasurer of the Board of Stewards, see to it that current obligations are met in full and on time. Mr. J. S. Hannah and Prof. T. E. Leggett look after the interests of the church at Wade School House.

The editor's good friend, Mister Shipman, whose interesting account of the recent stress on account of the flood threats appears elsewhere in this issue, says: "I am shoving right up to eighty-five and if I had to re-travel the road, I would not change except to try to be a better man and a better preacher." His life has been a gallant fight for righteousness and he is a great soul.

Plans are under way for the Young People's Assembly which will be held at Grenada College, June 7-11. Rev. W. C. Newman is head of the Council and is Conference Director of Young People's Work. Rev. A. Y. Brown has been elected dean of the Summer Assembly. Dr. Moerner, as the representative of the General Board of Christian Education, will teach the course, "Administering the Union."

Rev. S. A. Brown, at Inverness and Isola, has made his plans for raising at least fifty per cent of his benevolences within the next few weeks. In this undertaking he has the able assistance of R. R. Knight chairman of the Board at Inverness and B. A. Wright, chairman at Isola. The second quarterly conference was a much enjoyed dinner occasion at the Isola church, and the business session was largely attended.

The ladies of the church at Belzoni have decked their parsonage in new things until it is a gem—furniture, rugs, curtains, shades, chairs and table. Rev. W. B. Baker dared to inquire if they might be getting ready for a new preacher, and they replied: "No sir, we are just trying to keep the one we have." Mrs. S. R. McClintock is president of the Missionary Society, Prof. B. P. Brooks is chairman of the Board of Stewards, Miss Lola Sevier is treasurer, and all current bills are met monthly.

A letter from Mrs. A. L. Davenport, of Kosciusko, says that not many reports of zone meetings in that section have appeared in the Advocate. It has been the policy of the paper to send all these reports to the editor of that column for the Conference, as we have not space for individual zone reports and we feel that it is fair to the editor of the column for the Conference to have the privilege of using this material. We will try to publish this report, as it has been delayed on account of our absence from the office.

The Noxapater church and charge, under the leadership of Rev. J. S. Maxey, is forging ahead in a great way this year. The Noxapater church has a Deed in Trust of long standing which is now marked "Satisfied." Brother Maxey says that it cost them $2,485 to secure that notation. The church is ready for dedication when a dedicatory service can be arranged. Another church has been built and paid for by the people of the community, and it is also ready for dedication. Ten people have been received into membership since Conference.

Religious Emphasis at the University of Mississippi, according to Rev. W. R. Lott, is taking the form of a series of lectures rather than a week's observance. President Newman, of Grenada College, gave three lectures at the "Y"; Dr. Edward McGrady, of the local Episcopal Church, is delivering a course of lectures on "Christianity," in the Graduate School auditorium; Dr. Carter Helm Jones, pastor of the Baptist Church at Williamsburg, Va., gave three lectures; and Dr. W. A. Smart, of Emory University, will conclude the series. The University choir will give the "Messiah" in Fulton Chapel on Easter Sunday evening.

GRENADA COLLEGE

At the recent session of the North Mississippi Conference at Kosciusko, the worth of our splendid girls' college at Grenada was definitely recognized by giving the college an open field to complete a campaign for funds which began the year before. The first stage of that campaign was completed at the meeting of the Trustees, March 5. Rev. J. M. Bradley, commissioner, made a report of his work and directed the Trustees in planning for the second phase of the campaign. The second phase will take under consideration a definite refinancing program with the assistance of all vitally concerned. Now that financial matters over the Conference have taken a turn for the better, the Trustees feel that general support of the College will increase. President W. C. Newman reported that he had been able to bring the school up in enrollment and general spirit of healthy life and work. The Trustees believe that a school which gives special interest to Christian life, sending forth young women who have the Christian view of service and church loyalty, and yet ranking well in scholarship has an appeal to thoughtful parents who have the highest ideals for their daughters. The Trustees directed the College authorities to go forth and fill the school to capacity for next session with promising young women who will serve with credit in every department of life. The College gives an invitation to our Methodist homes to give the church a chance with their splendid daughters for two years and see the results in their life in years to come.

W. R. LOTT,
Member Board of Trustees.

Oxford, Miss.

FLOWER LAKE AND THE LEVEE

By Mister Shipman

I have known Flower Lake since 1882, for it was there that the levee broke during the latter part of that winter and gave us the biggest flood of history. At that point, the levee is said to be built upon a sandy foundation. St. Matthew tells us something about the sad results of building on the sand. Civil engineers have found that the region round about Flower Lake does not furnish a good foundation upon which to build a levee. Men and God have won a most wonderful field. When the crisis came the other day, the levee seemed to be broken from top to bottom and the surging waters had it swaying almost like a rope of sand. Men and engineers were just about ready to flee for their lives, but just then another brave-hearted engineer came up, looked the situation over and said to seven hundred workers: "Men, we need God. Who is willing to stay and do your best?" Seven hundred white and black hands shot up into the air like arrows from a catapult. Strong arms and hearts have won a wonderful fight. Wonderful co-operative work! God and men are all but invincible. God helps when the best we can do for ourselves has been done. Those seven hundred brave men hazarded their lives that they might save the great Delta. Thank you, brave and courageous fellows, and thank the good and great God who said to the raging waters: "Thus far shall you come and no further." Surely every soul that lives in the Delta breathes a deep and fervent prayer of gratitude to God for the strong men who put up the fight. I have passed through three overflows and know something of the wreck and ruin they leave behind. There is wonderful power in the co-operation of men; it is great. And when God is taken in as our partner, what can stop us? Thank God, He is willing to work with us!

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mum and $500 as a maximum. The rate of interest would be 6%, with the provision that if interest and principal were paid as they accrue, interest would be received at 5%. The only additional cost of this loan would be $5 service charge at the time the loan is secured. In order to secure a loan of this nature it would be necessary for whatever organized group of women was applying for the loan to pass a suitable resolution, authorizing their officers to execute a note for such a loan and to accept the terms of repayment.

(b). **Secured Loans.** This refers to loans made from the regular loan funds of the Board of Church Extension, and such loans could be secured in the regular way through the order of the Quarterly Conference and the signatures of the Trustees. The loans of this nature, under the direction of this Department, would be limited to parsonages, but in no way interfere with the regular loan program for parsonages. In order for any organized group of women to secure this loan, it would be necessary for the Board of Trustees for the parsonage to be a separate Board and composed of women preferably who belong to the organization applying for the loan, otherwise, the regular Board of Trustees would execute the papers and the organization of women assume leadership in the payment of the loan. A mortgage on the parsonage property, free of all other indebtedness, will be required. The amount of the loan would be limited to $500 minimum and $5,000 maximum, and the rate of interest would be 6%, with interest acceptable at 4% provided interest and principal were paid as they mature. The only additional cost of this loan would be a $5 service charge at the time the loan is secured. The amount of the loan could not exceed one-fourth of the value of the security.

(c). **Guidance.** This includes plans and methods of raising funds, suggestions, and in some cases blue prints for landscaping, fostering the planting and care of flowers, ideas of papering and painting parsonages, and parsonage plans. (The Board's architect co-operates in this work). This routine service will be free but in some cases where extensive plans, blue prints, and visits are required, some moderate charge would be made.

IV. **Promotion.** The purpose of this Department would be promoted through leaflets, correspondence, articles published in the various Church papers, visitations by representatives of the Department, and with the Board's approval, any method the Department found desirable.

V. **Miscellaneous.** The length of any loan placed through this Department would be at the discretion of this Department and of the Board of Church Extension. However, as a general rule, no Faith Loan should run for more than three years and no Secured Loan should run for more than six years. This Department would have no funds to donate. However, a church that secured loans through this Department would always have the privilege of making application for donations to the Board of Church Extension in the regular way.

Faith Loans could be obtained by direct application to the Beautification Department. However, the Board of Church Extension or its Executive Committee (Committee meets every month) would approve these loans before they were actually placed. Secured Loans could be obtained by the application taking the regular course and having the approval of the Conference Board of Church Extension. Application blanks for either loan would be supplied by the Louisville office.

It is hoped that organizations of women would contribute funds to the Beautification Department to be added to the Faith Loan amount so that this service could be extended over the Church as a whole. Any funds contributed by the Church through an organization or by an individual to the Faith Loan section could not be on the annuity basis. Funds directed to the Secured Loan section of this Department could be received on an annuity basis and along the regular line in which the Board receives all of its loan funds.

In order to secure the service of the Beautification Department, you could address a letter setting forth your situation and needs to: Beautification Department, Board of Church Extension, 1115 Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, MARCH 21

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

JOHN'S PICTURE OF THE TRIAL AND CRUCIFIXION

John's picture of the scenes and persons of this closing day of the life of Jesus is a flashlight of character. What the actors are makes what they do both obvious and inevitable. It is a time of crisis and one day of crisis shows more of character than years of routine. Then men cease acting in assumed character and reveal themselves. The true self is disclosed to its depths, its worst or its best. Sham is torn off and reality stands out. The mask is doffed and the soul laid bare.

The ecclesiastical leaders of the Jews had long desired to destroy Jesus because his life was a condemnation of theirs. He ignored their position of authority, honored those whom they despised, helped those whom they scorned. They were burden-makers, he was a burden-bearer. More than once, Jesus had felt compelled to denounce their hypocrisy. On this day, they heralded it to the world and recorded it in history. They were nervous and excited, but crafty, diplomatic, legalistic, determined. They must needs be correct in formalities, even though righteousness be trampled in the earth. First they must have the endorsement of Annas, high priest by their own law; then that of Caiaphas, acting high priest under Roman appointment; then the verdict of Pilate, since he alone could give the death sentence upon which they had decided. The hands that dripped with murder must be kept ceremonially clean. The accusers could not enter the judgment hall of Pilate, lest they become unclean. The body of the crucified must not remain on the cross during their holy Passover day. That would be unseemly and grate on their sensitive consciences. Character stood out! The spirit was sacrificed to the letter. They were Pharisees to the last.

The disciples had never been quite sure of themselves, as they had never quite understood the Master. Now, they forsook him, denied him, betrayed him, or followed to the cross, each according to his own character. It is significant that there was a remnant of the faithful. It has ever been so, and is so today.

Pilate was a hireling—kindly, cowardly, self-seeking, cynical, knowing justice, doing violence, pitiful toward Jesus, scornful and contemptuous toward his accusers, set on holding his job. He washed his hands in innocency, and dyed them with everlasting infamy.

Jesus was calm, courteous, true to the Father, to his mission, to himself. He faced death resolutely, because death was duty. He could no more turn back than he could come down from the cross. His character held. His first word was: "I must be about my Father's business;" his last: "It is finished." His life was the perfect example of unity. Having no collateral interests nor ulterior motives, his behavior in crisis and routine was consistent. Having loved his own, he loved them to the end. He bore his cross and ours. He died for sin, but not his own. In no other way could the infinite love of God ever have been revealed to sinful men. Now, even a dying thief can see it and trust it. His last wish was not to be with Pilate or Caesar, or the Pharisees, but to be with Jesus—and to be like him! The crucified Galilean makes an appeal that across oceans and continents and centuries draws the heart of mankind to his own. Were Pilate to rewrite his inscription, he might well put it: "JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE WORLD."

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SU-WEN'S PARTY

Su-Wen was six years old. And what a birthday party she had! Six little girls were invited, and they came in their pretty embroidered trousers and jackets. Su-Wen's were blue embroidered with gold. One pretty little girl wore a scarlet robe embroidered in gold. She was tiny, with the blackest hair, a pretty olive skin, and snapping black eyes. She looked like a bright firefly as she made her low curtsies to Su-Wen's mother and grandmother, who presided at the feast, for grandmothers are held in great respect in China, and what they say is law in the house.

After the feast the little girls played Chinese games, and then little Ho-Wei, the "firefly" girl, said, "At the kindergarten of the foreign teacher we have new plays, very nice plays, and we sing songs as we play."

"And what do the honorable teachers tell you at the foreign school?" asked Grandmother Wen.

"Many pretty stories," said Ho-Wei, making a curtsey to Grandmother. "She tells us something of the things that the wise men of China have done, and always she tells us of the great God above who made this world and who loves us every one. Every day we sing a hymn about the God Jesus."

"And does He love us, too?" asked little Su-Wen. She was just six, but the only gods she had ever heard about were not kind and loving gods.

"Oh, a great love He had," said the little firefly. "Always he loved little children. Once when His honorable teacher-friends wished to drive little children away, He took them in His arms and made them very happy. He loved us so much that He even died for us, the wise one from America says."

"It was very brave," murmured Su-Wen's mother.

After the little firefly girl had taught them some of the kindergarten plays, all the children made their lowest curtsies to Grandmother and Mother and went away carrying each a little jar of sweetmeats.

"I would like to go to the foreign lady's school and learn the games and songs and hear about the God who loves us," whispered Su-Wen to her mother that night when the curtains to her little bed were drawn.

"I hear much good of the honorable teacher," said her mother thoughtfully, "but it must be as the father thinks. I will even speak with him," and she left the little girl to dream of Ho-Wei in her beautiful red robe and of kindergarten songs and plays.

Not at first, but after a time, did Su-Wen's father consent that she should go to the foreign school, and it is a very happy little girl who is taken by her nurse every day to the school on the hill where the missionary lady welcomes the children and teaches them about the great God in heaven and His Son who so loves little children.—Apples of Gold.

WANAMAKER'S THRIFT PRINCIPLES

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"Was it not easier for a man to succeed in the days when you began?" he was questioned.

"I think not," said Mr. Wanamaker thoughtfully. "The opportunities are much greater now, and there are twice as many of them."

He concluded, "The difference between the clerk who spends all his salary and the clerk who saves a part of it is the difference in ten years between the owner of a business and a man out of a job."

THE MARKS OF HIS OFFICE

Not long ago a presiding elder of a Conference in our territory was guest in the home of a minister friend in the city. At the breakfast table, the pastor said to the colored servant:

"Celestine, we have a preacher guest this morning. I want to know if you can tell me whether he is a pastor, a presiding elder, or a bishop."

Celestine looked the visitor over rather carefully and critically and said, "I think he is an elder."

"Well, that is correct, but I want you to tell me why you thought he was an elder?"

"Well, it is 'cause he looks so well rested."

Evidently the elder groans in spirit and often even aloud, but his face tells a different story.

THE JUSTIFICATION

Two little sisters were playing outside when Lula, the younger, came running into the house and, between her sobs, told her mother that her sister had called her a fool.

The mother said: "Florence, why did you call little sister a fool?"

"Well," exclaimed Florence, whose eyes were flashing fire, "She called me a nigger and that's worse, 'cause a fool's white but a nigger's black."

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Methodist Women

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
1574 Jefferson Avenue, New Orleans, La.

Soon the missionary women of Louisiana will be "homebound." Let us remember the dates—March 30 to April 1.

Let us help the hostess auxiliaries and also Mrs. Harry McKenzie, of Homer, chairman of registrations, by sending in our registration cards very early. Most of us, when having company, like to know how many are coming. You may also help a great deal by sending checks for luncheons along with your registration cards. To be good delegates, worthy of the honor, you should be in Homer by 3 o'clock Tuesday for committee meetings.

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The women of the Monroe District have always shown a keen interest in zone meetings. Zone No. 3, Mrs. C. W. Berry, leader, recently held a well attended meeting at Mangham; Zone No. 1, Mrs. J. M. Alford leader, met at Sterlington, while Zone No. 2, Mrs. C. R. Abney, leader, held their interesting meeting at Epps.

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Mrs. W. McG. Dollarhide, of Oak Grove, one of our fine missionary women, has recently written a hymn inspired by the Bishops' Crusade. It is as follows:

BISHOPS' CRUSADE

Our Bishops march across the land
To lead us in a grand Crusade;
Christians, make haste to join this band,
Great victory today is made.

Advance the banner of our Lord
To North and South, to East and West;
Bishops and people in accord
Must win, if each will do his best.

The Cross, the symbol of God's love,
Imprint on ev'ry heart;
Let zeal and warmth flow from above,
Good tidings to the world impart.

O, let us do our part this time,
Jesus, our Lord, wants you and me;
Soldiers, He calls, for ev'ry clime—
Crusaders, on to victory!

The above may be sung to "Old Hundred L. M.," "Duane Street, L. M. D.," "Clolata, L. M., Hursley, L. M.," and to a great many other L. M. and L. M. D. melodies in the old Methodist Hymnal.

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MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Stanley Wilson,
2212 15th St., Meridian, Miss.

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mississippi Conference, will be held in Yazoo City, April 6-9, 1937.

Council guest will be Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, secretary of foreign work.

Auxiliaries are requested to note the change made in Standing Rule No. 10, which now reads: "Each auxiliary shall be entitled to one delegate." ....

Send name of delegate to Mrs. John R. Anderson, Jr., 310 N. Monroe St., Yazoo City, Miss.

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Mrs. A. L. Brothers, president of the Meridian City Mission Board, states that the Meridian Wesley House is needing boxes of supplies. Notice the list given on page 95 of the 1936 Conference Journal.

We regret the passing away, on February 25, of Mrs. J. R. Whitaker, one of the thirteen women who organized the City Mission Board, on February 13, 1906.

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During this quarter, Officers Training Day has been observed in all the Districts. Some Districts held one meeting, others used their zone meetings. Space does not permit a detailed report.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss

Number of auxiliaries—202.
Number of new auxiliaries—10.
Total number of new members—5,908.
New members added this year—437.
Number of Young Women's Circles—37.
Number of members in Circles—690.
Number of auxiliaries promoting Baby Specials—82.
Number of subscribers to World Outlook—1,255.
Number of auxiliaries making a study of Stewardship—109.
Number of active Spiritual Life Groups—75.
Number of new Mission Study classes—525.
Number of members—11,242.
Number of new Bible studies—517.
Number of members—11,564.
Number of C. S. R. Committees—109.
Number observing Week of Prayer—138.
Number of Life members—33.
Number of baby Life members—191.
Value of 146 boxes of supplies—$1,662.92.
Amount spent for Local Work—$11,554.65.
Amount sent Council Treasurer—$20,391.25.

The above report comes from Mrs. Neblett. It is a record of your work. I suggest that you study it over and ask yourself, "What lack I yet?"

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Zones one and six of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Columbus District of the Methodist Church have been combined by the Conference officers, and same met in a regular session with the Kosciusko auxiliary on February 23, with representatives from Kosciusko, Sallis, Williamsville, Ethel, Durant and Goodman present. Mrs. A. L. Davenport, of Williamsville, presided in her usual efficient manner. The meeting was opened in regular order, after which Mrs. Davenport's address was enjoyed by all.

The devotional was given by Mrs. McElroy, of Ethel, after which the usual order of business was gone into with many, many discussions from the floor. All enjoyed a talk on the "Duties of Officers," given by Mrs. John Brown, of Sallis. Such a good talk was given by Mrs. I. U. Donald, of Goodman, on the "Value of Young Woman's Circle." Mrs. Dan Comfort, a Conference officer, gave a splendid talk on "Christian Social Relations." Mrs. Rosa Boswell, of Kosciusko, in her usual gracious and efficient way, gave a wonderful message on "Spiritual Life." Ethel was given the banner for the past quarter. It was agreed that the next meeting be with Durant auxiliary on May 31. Each auxiliary present gave good reports. There being no further business or discussions, same closed in regular form to enjoy a social hour with the Kosciusko auxiliary.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT ZONE MEETING

Zones one and six of the Woman's Missionary Society of Columbus District held a meeting in Kosciusko, February 23, with Mrs. A. L. Davenport, chairman, presiding.

The meeting came to order with quiet music. After a word of welcome and greeting by the chairman, Mrs. Ethel McElroy, president of the Ethel auxiliary, gave a very interesting and valuable talk on "Stewardship," which was the theme of the devotional.

The program planned by the District secretaries was carried out. Each person who participated brought inspirational messages. "Values of Life Groups" was discussed by Mrs. John Boswell, of Kosciusko, who brought some very definite objectives for each member, stressing the need of united prayer and effort for spiritual zeal and endeavor.

Mrs. I. U. Donaldson, of Goodman, gave an impressive talk on the value of a Young Woman's Circle. Mrs. Dan Comfort, Conference Superintendent of Christian Social Relations, gave the new plans for this work for 1937. She gave five major points to strive to accomplish.

Representatives from Durant, Ethel, Goodman, Sallis, and Williamsville were present. The following ministers were guests; Rev. E. S. Lewis, pastor at Durant; Rev. H. N. McKibben, pastor at Ethel; Rev. E. F. Tucker, pastor at Sallis, and Rev. A. L. Davenport, of Kosciusko Circuit.

Mrs. A. L. Davenport was elected to represent the zone at the Missionary Conference to convene in Aberdeen, April 6-9. Mrs. J. H. Gulledge was elected as alternate. The next meeting of the zone will be held at Durant, May 31, and will begin at 10 a. m. and continue through the afternoon. Lunch to be served at noon.

Rev. E. S. Lewis dismissed the meeting with prayer. Then a friendly social hour was enjoyed.

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In Memoriam

MR. N. M. WASSON

Mr. N. M. Wasson was born on April 26, 1869. He departed this life at his home in Summerfield, La. on January 18, 1937, at the age of 68 years. He was married to Miss Katie Winn, of Haynesville, on November 20, 1895. To this happy union two sons and two daughters were born.

He belonged to that group of pioneer souls who blazed paths where highways never ran and was content to live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to mankind. His house was always home to the preachers. His quiet and gentle life attracted all who knew him.

He united with the Methodist Church at Summerfield in 1897. In his religious life he was a man of deep devotion and humble spirit.

He leaves his wife and four children to mourn his passing, and a wide host of friends who expect to meet him again in that home of the soul, where pain and sorrow never come and where no goodbyes are ever heard.

ALBERT A. COLLINS.

MRS ROSA WOODWARD

Born April 6, 1858; married October 21, 1891; died February 2, 1937.

Wife of Rev. W. T. Woodward, Sicily Island; mother of Mrs. N. B. Peck, Miss Willy Woodward, Sicily Island, and Mrs. A. J. Wyly, Lake Providence, La. Five grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers cherish memories of her.

She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1888 and was faithful until her promotion to the Church Invisible.

Before her marriage, she was Miss Rosa Jane Bacot, of McComb, Miss., and in her early womanhood she attended Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss., and studied art under the gifted Mrs. H. Walter Featherston. Her paintings took first prize at County fairs.

She was mistress of three fine arts, the art of being an excellent wife, the art of keeping a neat, attractive and hospitable home, and the art of being a superior mother whose three daughters have done virtuously and reflected distinction and credit on her upbringing of them.

She was interred in the old Pine Hill cemetery after gracious tributes were paid by a large throng, her pastor, J. C. Price, Dr. Briscoe Carter, of Winnsboro, and Rev. H. W. Rickey, of Jena, La.

She lives because she was a sower of choice seed in souls not a few and fell like ripe fruit from the tree of life into the lap of her God.

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A NATIONAL METHODIST STUDENT CONFERENCE

Secular Press Bureau

A National Methodist Student Conference, to be held during the Christmas holidays of the present year, is the latest development in the field of Methodist education in America, according to a call issued by representative campus leaders who attended a meeting in St. Louis, Mo., February 13, 14, when students and student leaders of three Methodisms decided upon the principles which are to dominate Methodism's next great youth conference.

December 28-31, 1937, was the date set for holding the Conference. The place is yet to be selected.

The approaching student conference, sponsored by the three branches of Methodism in America contemplating union, namely, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, is primarily for undergraduate college students. The problems to be considered are those with which students themselves have said they are directly concerned. A point of major program emphasis will be the place of the church in Christianizing the student's relationships to the social order; in his personal relationship with God, and in giving insight into the meaning of the gospel.

The proposed conference will bring together one thousand delegates, representing a Methodist student constituency in America of approximately 200,000.

The official call to the National Methodist Student Conference states the reason and purpose of the conference as follows: "Because we feel that the individual student, in a turbulent world, often finds himself unable to understand and cope with the problems that confront him; because we believe that Christian principles alone can furnish him with the dynamic power to build a new person and a new world, we invite the Methodist students of America to join us in the attempt to re-interpret **Fundamental Christian Principles** and to find the techniques and ways in which these principles can be carried into the lives and the world of young people today.

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3. Similarly, by advising the Bible Society of homes or individuals whose Bibles have been lost and who are not in a position immediately to replace them.

Because the Bible Society has only limited funds which are available to meet what is already proving to be an unprecedented demand for Scriptures it may not be possible for it to meet completely every request reaching it. But insofar as it is possible to do so it is the earnest and eager desire of the Society to provide the comfort and counsel of the Word of God to those made desolate by this great catastrophe.

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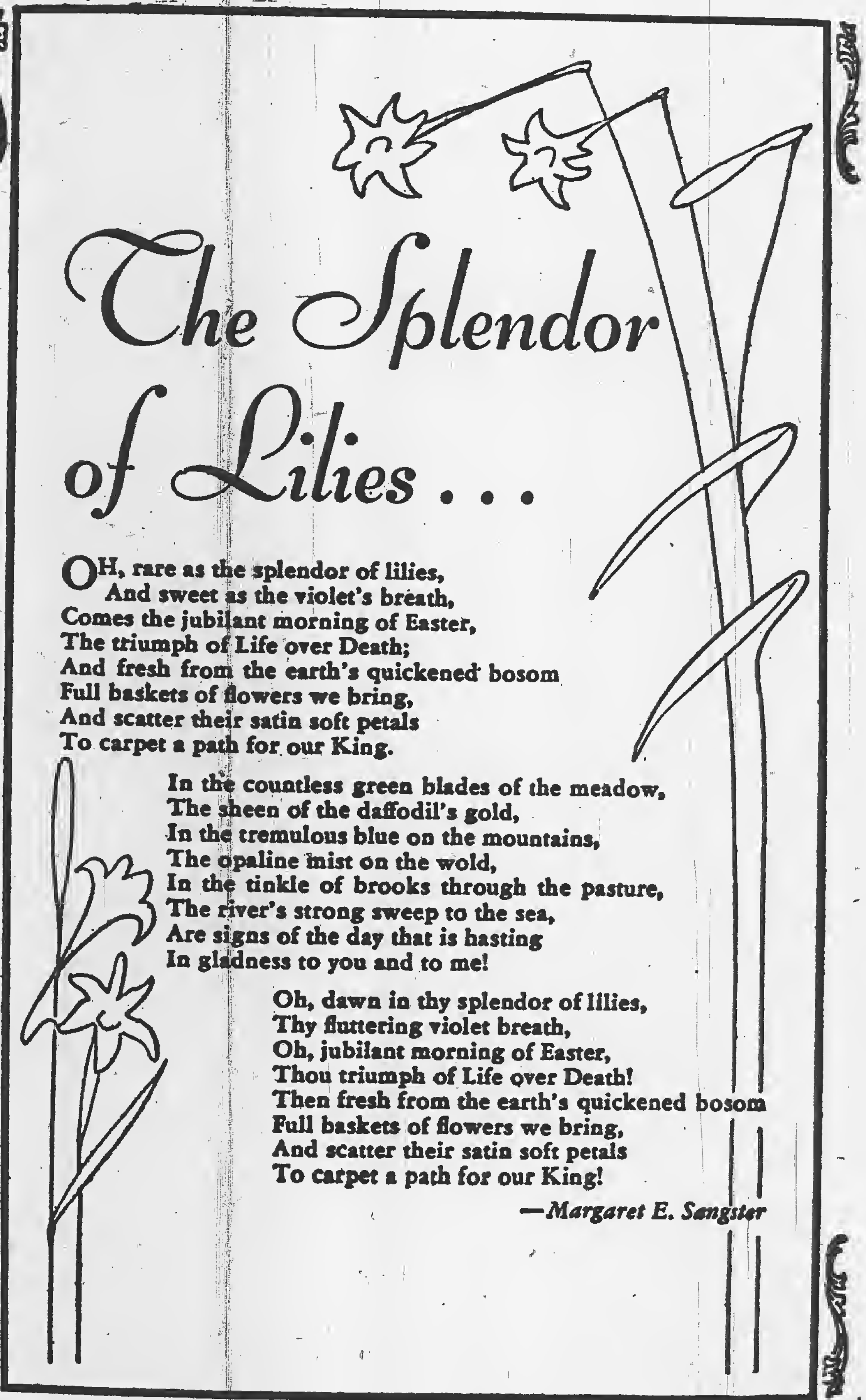

The Splendor of Lilies . . .

OH, rare as the splendor of lilies,
And sweet as the violet's breath,
Comes the jubilant morning of Easter,
The triumph of Life over Death;
And fresh from the earth's quickened bosom
Full baskets of flowers we bring,
And scatter their satin soft petals
To carpet a path for our King.

In the countless green blades of the meadow,
The sheen of the daffodil's gold,
In the tremulous blue on the mountains,
The opaline mist on the wold,
In the tinkle of brooks through the pasture,
The river's strong sweep to the sea,
Are signs of the day that is hasting
In gladness to you and to me!

Oh, dawn in thy splendor of lilies,
Thy fluttering violet breath,
Oh, jubilant morning of Easter,
Thou triumph of Life over Death!
Then fresh from the earth's quickened bosom
Full baskets of flowers we bring,
And scatter their satin soft petals
To carpet a path for our King!

—*Margaret E. Sangster*

Wallet of the Week

BAHIA, BRAZIL, a city of the extreme east coast, has been called the Catholic capital of South America. Its population numbers approximately four hundred thousand and it has three hundred and sixty-five Catholic churches. The people are, it is alleged, very illiterate and extremely fanatical. According to the paragraph from which this is taken, it has been the policy of the Church to keep the people in ignorance and to secure their loyalty through fear. Such a policy may hold a constituency for a time, but it will never build a creative race.

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MANY MARVELS OF SCIENCE come into being through the groping of men after truth. In their open lodges, the Druids accumulated a knowledge of the heavenly bodies which was the foundation of modern astronomy. The fever-smitten Indian regarded with superstitious reverence the waters which washed the roots of the cinchona trees in Peru, and modern science has translated the Indian fetish into a sovereign remedy for the healing of malarial infection. So the gyroscope was first used as a toy, and ether was introduced in parlor games before it was employed for anaesthesia in modern surgery.

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THE CHRISTIAN OBSERVER, official organ of the Southern Presbyterian Church, has been under the editorial management of one family for a period of one hundred and ten years. The paper founded in 1813, as the Religious Remembrancer, changed the name and the place of publication a number of times during the early years, and it assumed its present name in 1840. In 1827, Dr. Amasa Converse became editor. After forty-five years on the tripod, he was succeeded by Dr. F. Bartlett Converse whose editorial service extended over almost half a century. In 1907, Dr. Harry P. Converse, the present editor, succeeded to the editorial responsibility.

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THE LATE MRS. MARY THOMAS, widow of a Congregationalist minister, of London, who was for four years a missionary at Tanganyika in Central Africa, left a will under which she distributed an estate of approximately one hundred thousand dollars. Among the score or more of benefactions, were: The Superannuation Fund; The Widows' Fund; Missions; Church Aid; schools; and local churches of the Congregationalist denomination in England. The will is remarkable for its discriminating evaluation of the various forms of work, and for its evidence of devotion to Christianity, particularly as represented by the Congregationalists.

GENERAL GOMEZ, whose death occurred in 1935, made himself the dictator-President of Venezuela in 1906, and he was known as the "Tyrant of the Andes." After his death, the Venezuelans gathered fourteen tons of leg-irons from a national prison and cast them into the sea. Gomez had kept the place filled with political prisoners for twenty-seven years. The leg-irons, weighing seventy pounds to the pair, had been fixed upon the ankles of politicians, soldiers, journalists, or priests—anyone who dared to raise a voice against the crimes of the infamous despot.

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INDIA'S FOOD SUPPLY, whose scarcity has been for generations an appeal to the world's pity, is the subject of a hopeful report made recently by the Public Health Commissioner for that country. The population of India by the last census was three hundred and fifty-three million, and it is expected that the census of 1941 will show four hundred million. The Commissioner reports that food production has kept pace with the growth of the population. This is an encouraging word to those who have heard all their lives that millions in India never know what it is to lie down at night without feeling the pinch of hunger.

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THE REMOVAL OF ALL HALLOWS, in London, is to many people of Britain a double desecration. The building was designed by Sir Christopher Wren and to the lovers of beautiful architecture, it means the destruction of one of the outstanding monuments of the immortal architect. It was the church in which John Wesley preached his first sermon, and for British Methodists it means the demolishing of a shrine which has become sacred because of its association with their great leader. It is well enough to preserve the beautiful furnishings, but they are not nearly so sacred as the location and the building where they have had a home for two hundred years.

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THE RESTO CARLINO, a newspaper of Bologna, Italy, according to report, claims to have made the discovery that our "Buffalo Bill" Cody was an Italian named Giovanni Tambianni of Barbigarezzo, and that his heroism was due to the fact that he was a "typical Italian, full of Fascist courage and daring." Imagine Buffalo Bill with that honorary degree! Columbus discovered America, and Francesco Tarducci claimed that the New England Cabots were descended from an Italian named Giovanni Gabatto. It would appear that the Italians might be better on post mortem discoveries than on present production, or as one said of the Gypsies, "they are good finders."

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EDITORIAL

JESUS AND THE RESURRECTION

When St. Paul undertook to talk to the Athenians about Jesus and the Resurrection he found their ignorance such that they took him for a "setter forth of strange gods." Athenian paganism, as static and immobile as it was spiritually unenlightened, could not comprehend such a doctrine. Despite the centuries of Christian preaching and teaching since that day in Athens, the situation is not totally different even now. The spectacular events which concluded the drama of redemption have been presented as separate incidents until the world has been led to believe that they are independent and unrelated episodes in the ministry of Jesus. In the preaching of the Apostles and of the early Church, the cross and the empty tomb in the Garden were but complementary facts in a Gospel whose great corollary is the immortality of believers. Like the stations of the cross, the separate incidents are merely means by which the plodding thought of man arrives at the consummation which was the ruling purpose and passion of the Incarnation. Instead of being unrelated, Easter was the grand finale of the great redemptive drama, and into it was gathered the power, the glory and the authority of God. Central in the Easter radiance is the cross—no longer a drab and forbidding instrument of death, but transfigured and changed into the glad gospel of human survival. It was the final chapter in the revelation of the character and power of the Redeemer—Christ. It was the fulfillment of the divine commission which the tiny babe in Bethlehem held in its infant hand, and it was likewise a prophecy of the authority of the Church for meeting the needs of mankind until the day when we shall experience in his presence that glorious immortality purchased by his atoning death. Through all the years since that first Easter morning, the Church has been moving toward the faith and vision of the poet:

> "The moon of Mahomet
> Arose, and it shall set;
> While blazoned on heaven's immortal noon,
> The cross leads generations on."

MINISTRIES THAT ABIDE

The "stars" of organized entertainment are like meteors that flash upon the bosom of the night and then fade out almost as suddenly as they came. The opera stage and the "silver screen" have each furnished artists who were greeted with the ecstasies of popular acclaim, but whose season of public popularity and appeal was soon ended. The notes hailed as "divine" soon become a glorious memory—not even Caruso could be kept alive beyond the day of his presence and power. Entertainment depends upon personality and its adjustment to the constantly changing moods and impulses of life. It is a process of emotional acrobatics and a clever agitation of the surface factors of being. One has only to think back over the list of the screen stars who have been ascendant within the past few years to be made conscious of the amusement changes which have come about. The names of those who dominated the movie industry ten years ago are already a faded memory and almost beyond recall. Entertainers make the world laugh at itself, or through appeals to pathos and tragedy cause the tears to course down its cheeks, but the changes wrought are as theatrical as the moods simulated by the performers. No substantial reality and no abiding pillar is placed to help men to face the surging social and spiritual tides in the battle of life, and nothing fixed by which they may be made conscious of the investment opportunities for the soul created in the image of God. So when laughter has ended and the tears are dried, there remains no memorial of either the power or the purpose of those who agitated for a moment the fountains of human pity and gladness.

Memory attaches to ministers and laymen who, by their thought and leadership, stir the deep and abiding realities of life. In that way only can positive contribution to character and conduct be made. Such ministries fix foundations for recollections which are as immovable as the eternal hills, for they construct a fortress and a covert in which embattled spirits find refuge from the storms which beat upon the souls of men.

OUR FRIENDS

The editor and his wife have been made to feel that it is almost full compensation for injury to know the solicitude and gracious thoughtfulness of our friends. Throughout the period of our enforced and unexpected invalidism we have been constantly reminded of the friendship which turns a frown into a smile—jonquils, sweet peas, roses, pots of tulips and a gorgeous spray of cut flowers—have redeemed pain and affliction from being a lonely and depressing solitude. Through these evidences and the numerous messages which have reached us from far and near we have seen the faces and felt the heart throbs of our friends. We shall not soon forget their ministry of love, though we might not be willing to repeat the incident which brought us such attestations of regard. All the participants in the mishap are on the road to recovery. The editor is able to spend part time in the office, and before this paper goes to press, he expects that every cloud will have disappeared from his horizon. We thank one and all for every remembrance of us in our affliction.

A PERSONAL WORD

It is not the policy of the editor of this paper to use its columns for defending himself, mainly because we do not think it is fair to our readers who would not be interested in such. Thoughtless words uttered against us are few, but still they are painful, especially when one does not take the trouble to inquire the meaning of something that may not have been understood. May we say once and for all that we try to observe three principles in our work? First, we do not use the paper as an organ for personal attack, no matter what we may feel to be the provocation. Second, we do not insert any article whose purpose or tone we have reason to suspect, whether we feel its animus to be against an individual, an office, or an institution of the Church. Third, we do not publish articles which we feel might react unfavorably upon their authors. In several instances we have taken the time to write as a friend and point out what seemed to us might be unwise. In practically all instances, we have had a very cordial response. We feel that it is a part of our duty to befriend any who may not have seen an angle of interpretation which appears to us, although the statement of fact involved may be absolutely true. So far as we are concerned, there is no justification for anyone supposing that we have a sinister purpose in anything that appears in the Advocate, and it might prove a means of grace to the editor if some who feel inclined to cast suspicion upon his motives and acts might give a little thought to the better side of his nature and effort.

TOO LATE

As we make up the forms of the paper on Monday morning, we are deluged with a vast quantity of material intended specially for Easter. We are making use of all the personal material, but the contributions cannot be provided for at this late hour. As we have said before, material reaching us Monday is too late for the issue of that week. This is not an arbitrary rule, it is just a physical impossibility. We are sorry not to be able to meet the demands, for the material belongs to the Easter issue.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

A DOG AND HIS BONE

"Pat" is a high-born Boston bull terrier. He is handsome, intelligent, affectionate, and reasonably obedient. He was four years old on March 6—in the very prime of doghood. He is mature enough to have settled convictions about the main issues of a dog's life, and young enough to put the whole energy of his being into whatever he undertakes.

A dog's main problems center about eating and sleeping. "Pat" has solved these problems by resolutely refusing to eat anything except what appeals to his appetite at the moment, and by as resolutely insisting upon sleeping in any place and at any time the notion strikes him. In fact, his convictions on these matters are so definitely fixed that he very heartily resents any interference with his plans therewith. He is either firm or hard-headed—depending on the point of view. And he takes it for granted that those who are responsible for his welfare will provide adequately for his needs.

But with all his blue blood, his good looks, his intelligence, and his affectionate regard for the members of the household, "Pat" is no better than the lowliest cur in one respect—he loves his bone. Give him a choice one—not too soft, not easily splintered—and he will gnaw it for an hour. It is amazing, the time, the energy, and the enthusiasm he will expend on a bone! And when he has gnawed it to his heart's content, he will take it to the yard and bury it for future reference. Does he forget where he put it? Not on your life! It may be the same day, or tomorrow, or next week that he thinks of it again; it may be as fresh as when he put it away, or it may have become olfactorily obnoxious; but when he wants it, he goes and gets it. After all, "Pat" is only a dog.

It is best to let some things stay buried.

THE NEXT GREAT STEP—UNITE!

By E. Stanley Jones

The next great step within Christendom is for the Christians to unite. In view of the world demands and in view of conditions within the denominations themselves brought about by division, the churches must get together. "If they do not," said a very prominent churchman, "within ten years there won't be any churches to unite." This is an overstatement, but it should shock us to action.

But one of the difficulties in getting together is the underlying feeling that our particular denomination has been raised up to preserve and propagate a special phase of truth in Christianity. We do not want to lose that truth. There is a fact underlying this feeling. It is true that almost every one of our separate denominations has come into being as a result of some special forgotten truth. How can we have unity with that background of an apparent God-inspired separativeness? We are asked to repent of sinful divisions and yet it is not easy to do so, because the divisions came not from sin but from a new vision. I cannot honestly feel sinful on account of the rise of Methodism. I rather glory in it and so does many another in regard to his own particular group.

And yet with all that loyalty to the past, we do feel that this is inadequate. Times have changed, new world demands are being laid upon us that cannot be met by us as separate denominations. We simply must get together. A divided Church has little moral authority in a divided world. But how can we get together? Here is where we throw up our hands. We have the feeling that if we wait till we can get together on some agreed church polity or government, then we will wait till doomsday. I don't believe it is possible to get an agreement in church government that will take in the High Episcopalian on the one hand and the Quaker on the other—and I could not leave out either one. I do not believe that unity is possible along that line. It would end in so many compromises that the union would be grey and colorless and command no one's enthusiasm.

I think we must go at it from another angle. We must look at certain facts that underlie the situation. Three outstanding facts have arisen out of the situation as I have listened in to hundreds of round-table conferences across the years. One is that when the Christians drop down beneath the level of organization and church polity to the level of experience, there they are the most united body on earth. They are united in the deepest thing in life, namely, in life itself. They share a common life in Christ. The Christian Church is at once the most united and the most divided body on earth—united at the center and divided at the margin. But the central thing to hold in mind is the fact that we are one. We do not have to seek for unity—we have it, fundamentally and centrally.

The second thing we have discovered is that the saints are about equally distributed among all the denominations. If you were to ask me where I thought they were most thickly congregated, for the life of me I couldn't tell you. There is no denomination that has a corner on the saints. God works through the denominations, sometimes in spite of them, but never exclusively or particularly in any one of them. If this hurts our denominational pride, it may help our Christian humility! The idea that any one denomination is the exclusive or particular channel of God's grace is as dead as Queen Anne. Only some people don't know it! The second thing we have as an underlying fact is equality.

At the Cross

Forty thousand persons annually climb to the summit of Mount Davidson in San Francisco to attend Easter sunrise service. Picture shows the crowd massed about the base of a huge cross atop the mountain.

The third fact that emerges is that there is a very great diversity in expressing this underlying unity, a diversity as widely expressed as the High Churchman on the one side and the Quaker on the other, with great diversity between.

Three facts, then, emerge—unity, equality, and diversity. Any approach to unity must take account of these underlying facts and build upon them. I would therefore suggest the following as an immediate, practical plan upon which all the churches could come together:

Since we are inwardly one, I would suggest that we outwardly express that fact. Since we are all belonging to Christ, I would suggest that we all belong to "The Church of Christ." But since we are in America, I would suggest as the name, "The Church of Christ in America." We would all drop our denominational names as separate churches and belong to the one church—"The Church of Christ in America." But under the central unity we would have branches—"The Baptist Branch of the Church of Christ in America," the "Episcopalian Branch," "The Friends' Branch." In these branches we would have local self-government in much the same way that we give states' rights in the United States. If a branch has bishops they could keep them and look on them as they like, but they wouldn't force them on the rest as the price of unity. In the same way, if any branch held to adult baptism they could continue to do so, but they would not compel the rest to adhere to it. Each branch could make any conditions or no conditions for transfer into membership or ministry they may desire to make. Nine-tenths of the denominations would probably straight off make no conditions whatever, either for transfer of ministry or membership. Moreover, nine-tenths of them would have inter-communion straight off. The other one-tenth would put themselves into a stream of influences that in the end would make for the dropping of all barriers. In the meantime we would be patient, leaving to time and the Spirit of God the righting of exclusivenesses.

There were two ways these United States might have attempted unity—one was to wipe out all state lines and state names and rule everything from Washington. Had we tried this, we would have been waiting yet for unity. The other way was to allow local expression in the states and bind the whole into a central unity. We took that way and achieved unity. But in the beginning there was a very strong state consciousness and a very weak central unity. The first decision of the United States Supreme Court was flouted by the State of Georgia. In the original draft of the Constitution of the United States, the word "United" was in small letters, it was an adjective. But that word, "United," is now a proper name and getting more proper all the time! In the beginning our branch consciousness would be strong but the unity consciousness would grow and one day completely grip us. On our letterheads, we would have "The Church of Christ in America" in large letters, overarching all, and down in the corner in small letters would be "Presbyterian Branch." The next time we printed them the letters might be smaller! And some day they might fade out altogether—I

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. H. D. Tucker, of Dalton, Missouri, paid the Advocate office a call a few days ago. He is assisting Rev. W. T. Gray in a meeting at Felicity, New Orleans.

Rev. I. T. Reams, long a good friend of the Advocate and also one of the most successful campaigners for it, is in the field again as our representative at Vivian.

Dr. Guy Black, of Detroit, Michigan, who has just closed a week of intensive work in Personal Evangelism in New Orleans, was later in Shreveport for the same purpose.

Rev. Guy M. Hicks, Trinity Church, Ruston, has announced a series of services featuring subjects relating to Jesus and the doctrines and incidents having to do with Passion Week.

Rev. R. F. Harrell, pastor at Covington, was a caller at the Advocate office recently. We are sorry to have missed his visit and especially for the reason that occasioned our absence.

Rev. G. A. Morgan is engaged in pre-Easter services at Winnfield. The services feature preaching, fellowship, music and reception of new members, all calendared on a card announcing the services.

Rev. Carl Lueg, pastor at Hammond, includes with a business note a word of appreciation of the services conducted by Bishop Hughes recently. He says, too, that he expects to get to his Advocate campaign soon.

Mrs. J. Edwin Carlisle, Coushatta, has our thanks for a list of three names of the Hall Summitt charge, to whom the Advocate is to be sent. We hope that the paper may mean much to every home into which it shall go.

Rev. J. E. Selfe, Rayne charge, reports many kindnesses and considerable improvement in the furnishing and refinishing of the parsonage since his arrival. A Men's Bible Class has been organized, and congregations are good.

Virgil Dixon Morris, Jr., is the name borne upon a card announcing a new arrival, on March 20, at the parsonage in Columbia. We congratulate the happy parents and wish for them years of increasing joy in their new-born son.

Dr. John T. Crebbin, of Shreveport and our good friend of many years, has our thanks for a note concerning our mishap and for other evidences of friendship and interest. We regret that we were not at the office when he called to see us.

Mrs. F. A. Bacon, the interested and aggressive District Director of Adult Work, held "Adult Night" at Rayne church recently. Our reports indicate that the meeting was well attended and the program very effective and helpful.

The construction of the new Athletic Building at Centenary College was launched recently. Bishop Dobbs was the chief speaker, and Dr. George S. Sexton was the master of ceremonies. The new building is the gift of Mr. A. W. Haynes of Shreveport.

Rev. R. T. Pickett says that he has found a loyal and lovable people at Simsboro. Naturally he reflects the goodness of the people in his outlook for the year. He says that Mrs. Pickett is campaigning for the Advocate, and we vote for her with both hands.

Rev. Robert M. Brown is holding services at Mangum Memorial church in Shreveport, and is introducing an Advocate night as a special feature of the services. We like that because it makes way for presenting the Advocate for what it is, not just a subscription appeal.

Rev. Elmer C. Gunn, presiding elder of the New Orleans District, is the preacher in a series of services now in progress at McDonoghville church. Rev. Henry A. Rickey, the pastor, held services at Reserve last week and is conducting the song services at McDonoghville this week.

Rev. G. W. Dameron, executive secretary of the Board of Education, is sending out sample copies of "And Jesus Grew," the program for Church School Day. The program for this year is a worthy piece of devotional literature and it should command the attention of every Church School in the Church.

Brother J. R. Abels, of Ponchatoula, suffered a stroke about ten days ago. At last report his condition was quite serious. We regret the illness of this valuable layman who has for a long while been a tower of strength in the church at that place. We trust that we may soon have a more favorable report as to his condition.

According to Miss Esma John, reporter for Henning Memorial at Sulphur, Rev. D. B. Boddie is keeping up the activities which have characterized his work from the beginning. A Mission Study Class and a program on Young People's Day are among special features, and beginning on Palm Sunday there will be two weeks of protracted services.

Dr. Dana Dawson, pastor of First Church, Shreveport, has been extended an invitation to serve as "Exchange Preacher" for one of the large Presbyterian churches in Liverpool, England, during the coming summer. We are very happy that the invitation has been extended, for we feel that Dr. Dawson is in every way worthy of the distinction involved.

The church at Lafayette, under the leadership of Rev. A. L. Gilmore, is carrying forward a campaign of considerable activity, and is meeting with much success. Over several weeks, there has been a series of simultaneous prayer meetings. These services are to culminate in a week of services preceding Easter, and Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, a former pastor, will be the preacher.

Rev. O. L. Tucker, pastor at New Iberia, has been somewhat handicapped by illness among his people, but is getting forward in his work. New Hymnals have been supplied for the use of the congregation, Adult Night was quite a success, the offering for Memorial Mercy Home was better than last year, and there is decided activity in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Rev. H. C. Seidel, once in Louisiana, but now pastor of First Methodist Church, Omaha, Nebraska, sends us a much appreciated note concerning our accident and an invitation to remember 5314 Walnut Street, Omaha, when we feel vacation-minded. We appreciate the gracious offer, and when his "Southward longing" may bring him to the door of the Advocate office, both the door and our hearts will be open.

Rev. W. D. Kleinschmidt, pastor in Algiers, received ten members on profession of faith on Palm Sunday. He will hold a three-hour devotional service on Good Friday in which he will have the assistance of W. W. Holmes, W. H. Wallace, Jr., J. E. Cain, H. B. Hysell and J. B. Grambling, fellow Methodist pastors. Rev. T. E. Smiley and Rev. L. B. Shelton, pastors of Baptist churches, will also participate in the service.

Rev. Rowland W. Faulk, pastor at Oakdale, is following up an intensive visitation campaign with a series of services beginning on Palm Sunday and concluding on Easter. Dr. A. M. Shaw, a former pastor of the charge, will do the preaching. Oakdale increased its acceptance for Benevolences by thirty-five per cent and will have the full amount in the hands of the Conference Treasurer by Easter. That is a real achievement.

On March 17, at the home of Mrs. Claude H. Mayo, a daughter, in Lake Charles, the family and friends celebrated the eighty-second birthday of Mr. Frank Hoffpauir. The chicken dinner was greatly enjoyed and Mr. Hoffpauir required only two puffs to snuff out the eighty-two candles on the birthday cake. Present for the occasion were Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Mayo, their family, Mr. A. M. Mayo, Mrs. H. H. Spencer, Rev. and Mrs. Ray Hance, and Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Peters and son.

Dr. A. M. Shaw, of Belcher and Gilliam

charge, writes that he and his wife, after one of the longest and most severe attacks of influenza that either of them ever had, are quite themselves again. They are spending the week beginning Palm Sunday and through Easter at Oakdale, where Dr. Shaw had a very happy pastorate. He will renew old ties in the services throughout the week as the preacher in the pre-Easter revival. We appreciate very sincerely the cordial and brotherly assurances of Dr. Shaw concerning the Advocate and the quota for his charge.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

At the Conference meeting which will be held in Homer next week (March 30-April 1), Miss Anniemal White, missionary on furlough from the Congo Belge, Africa, will be the guest of the Conference. Miss White has been in Africa since 1930 and had charge of the Girls' Home, Boarding School and Day Schools there. She says our greatest opportunity is to help these boys and girls redeem their social system from the evils of child marriage.

Dr. Cline, president of Centenary College, will also appear on the Conference program, speaking on "Christian Citizenship."

On Tuesday night, Deaconesses Mary Freeman, Grace Gatewood, and Margaret Young, and Rev. Lawton will speak on "Answering the City's Call."

FROM PEARL RIVER, LA.

Dear Dr. Duren:

The Young People's Division wishes to surprise our pastor, Rev. Clarke, with a year's subscription to the "Christian Advocate." Enclosed you will find money order to take care of same. We'll be looking forward to the first copy.

We feel very fortunate indeed to have such a man as Rev. Clarke with us. We are making wonderful progress in spite of the condition of his health, and we feel sure this is going to be the best year we have ever had. It wouldn't be quite fair not to tell you how much we love Mrs. Clarke and how much she means to us.

We earnestly solicit your prayers.

With kindest regards,
MRS. E. B. INNERARITY,
Director, Young People's Division.

A YEAR OF SHADOWS AND VICTORY

The year of 1936; I shall not call it a year of disaster. I will call it a year of really getting closer to God, and knowing that I have true friends.

In the busiest time a farmer should have been in his crop, I was rushed to the sanitarium for ruptured appendix. As I was going under the influence of ether and gas, the 23rd psalm was my comfort and strength. As I repeated down the 4th verse, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me," I knew no more. The doctors gave my wife no hopes for my recovery. Were surprised I was living the next morning. I give all the credit to God and the prayers, many prayers of my pastor and former pastors, who knelt at my bedside and prayed that I might be spared. Christian friends at home remembered me in special prayer. The Negroes held special prayer groups.

A few days after being away we received a letter from home (Gibsland) telling us not to worry about the farm, that 25 white and black friends were in the field working out the crop.

I wouldn't take anything in the world for the experience of my affliction in 1936, but I wouldn't like to go through it a second time. I rededicated my life to God, and I am trying to do more in the Master's work than I have ever done.

Yours in Christ.
T. C. RHODES.

CHAPLAINS NEEDED FOR NAVY

We are in receipt of information from Washington that in June of this year an examination will be held for chaplains in the United States Navy. Appointments will be made in July.

There are a number of appointments to be made from the Protestant groups and several of these may come to our own Church if we can secure available men who are qualified in a special way for this type of service. No one should apply unless it is very clear that he has exceptional qualifications.

Candidates must be not less than twenty-four nor more than thirty-four years of age on date of appointment. They must be physically sound, not less than five feet six inches in height, with a minimum weight of 132 pounds.

All candidates must be competent—physically, mentally, and spiritually—for leadership among men. They must have degrees of B. A. and B. D., or their equivalents, from recognized colleges and seminaries, and two years of pastoral experience. They must be fully ordained clergymen in the church represented.

The duties of the chaplain are quite varied. They include much of the work which is ordinarily done by a minister in a parish, and in addition a great deal of personal work among men which requires special qualifications. Chaplain of a ship is in daily contact with the officers and men of the ship and must have an attractive personality and sense of humor, and above all, a well-grounded religious faith.

He must be charitable and tolerant. He is the spiritual leader of all officers and men of the ships and he must be sympathetic and helpful to Catholics, Protestants and Jews alike. He must be a real man—a consecrated Christian.

The pay of a chaplain on first appointment is that of a Lieutenant of the Navy: Base pay, $2,000 a year; rental allowance, $720 a year; subsistence allowance, $438 a year, for an officers with dependents; rental allowance, $480 a year; subsistence allowance, $219 a year for an officer on shore duty without dependents. If a commission is granted, the officer must pay the expenses of moving his dependents to his first duty. After that the government pays the cost of moving the family and household effects upon change of station.

Further information together with application blanks may be gotten by addressing the Head of the Chaplains Division, Bureau of Navigation (Navy Department), Washington, D. C.

Committee on Chaplains, M. E. Church, South.
JOHN PAUL TYLER, Chairman,
GROVER C. EMMONS, Secretary.

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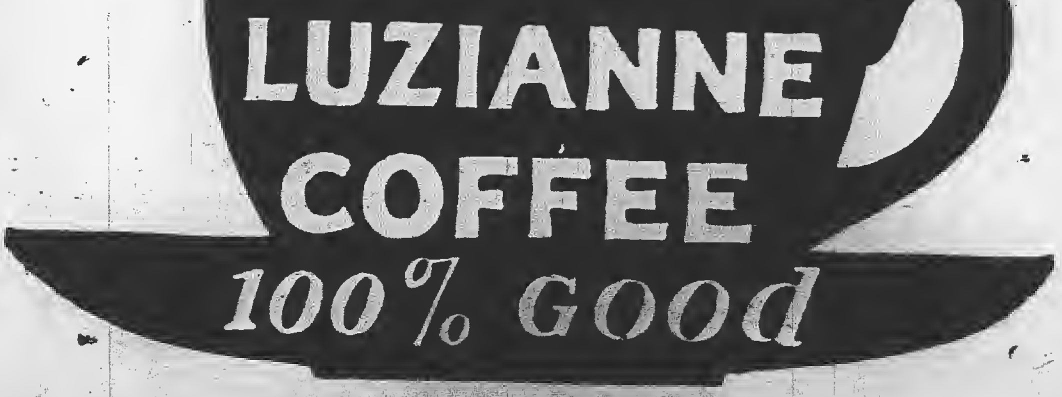
The doctor responded to a call to see a man who was ill, and when his professional visit was ended the wife of the patient said to him:

"It is so good of you, doctor, to have come this far to see my husband."

"Not at all, madam, not at all. I have a patient next door, and I thought I'd kill two birds with one stone."



Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

We thank Mrs. H. C. Carter, of Port Gibson, for a kindly word regarding the Advocate. We are glad to know that its weekly calls are always welcome.

Dr. Charles W. Crisler, pastor at Hazlehurst, will hold a series of pre-Easter services in his church, and will be assisted by Rev. E. L. Ledbetter, of Utica.

Rev. G. E. Allan, pastor at Purvis, adds to a business note the assurance that the work there is making good progress and we appreciate his faithfulness to the Advocate cause.

Rev. Dr. Randolph Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, who was elected president of the National Anti-Saloon League recently, is said to be a native of Mississippi.

Rev. Hilary S. Westbrook writes that his work on Homewood charge has been carried forward under serious handicaps —a combination of sickness, bad roads and bad weather, but he has had a fair measure of success and is looking forward to a good year.

Rev. J. L. Neill is doing his own preaching in the revival campaign now on in his church at Brookhaven. In addition to the interests of the local congregation, Brother Neill serves Whitworth College which is located in the very shadow of his church.

Mrs. R. M. Scott, who lives at Hermanville and is approaching her eighty-eighth birthday, writes that she enjoys her Advocate, and we hope that every number that goes to her may help to lift her thought from the shadows of life to the glories of a home in our Father's house.

Rev. W. H. Saunders, of Osyka charge, writes that Brother R. G. W. Girling, of the Holmesville church on his charge, is very ill. Brother Girling is a steward of that church and is very advanced in years. Brother Saunders says that he has two other elderly people who are quite ill.

Rev. H. L. Daniels, pastor at Wesson. is pursuing a unique plan for his revival campaign. The preaching will be done by neighboring preachers, including two pastors of other churches. Rev. R. H. Clegg, presiding elder; Rev. J. W. Leggett, Crystal Springs; Dr. C. W. Crisler, Hazlehurst; Rev. Mack Lowery, pastor of the local Baptist church; and Rev. A. W. Duck, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, will participate.

Mrs. D. E. Kelly, concerning whom we ran a personal in the Louisiana Conference news, writes us saying that, while she lives in Louisiana, her Conference connection is in Mississippi.. We knew that, of course, but under the present arrangement of the paper, we felt that it would probably be better to connect the personal mention with her present residence. We are glad to make this correction, for it was our own fault.

NATIONAL MEETING OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Dear Dr. Duren: I've just returned from the meeting of the National Anti-Saloon League in St. Petersburg, Florida, and there are several impressions which I would like to pass on to my brethren, hence this communication.

This was the first national meeting I have had the opportunity of attending, though elected some three years ago to the National Board of Directors. The first impression on reaching the meeting was the keen disappointment on the part of everyone over the sudden attack and very serious illness of the National President, Bishop W. N. Ainsworth. Bishop Ainsworth was to have delivered the key note address of the sessions on Sunday afternoon.

The second impression formed was the type and character of the national and the state leadership of the Anti-Saloon League. Many of them are the outstanding leaders in their particular fields of labor in our nation.

The third impression was the confidence all, new and old members placed in the consecrated opinions of our own Bishop James Cannon.

The fourth impression was that notwithstanding the cries of the wet press, the bootleggers, and all the licensed liquor dealers of the country, we are rapidly approaching a better day. The liquor people are, as before, digging their own graves, and this is being done more rapidly than they realize.

The fifth impression is that the one organization best equipped through experience and otherwise to lead the way to a better day is the Anti-Saloon League of America. The liquor people fear it, and hate it, more than any other organization or combination of organizations. The League like all other organizations, —even the Church—has made its mistakes, and it is now able to profit by the mistakes of the past.

The sixth impression is that there must be in the future more continuous and sustained education than ever before and that this can best be done by the various Church Boards of Christian Education. Our own Church is doing the finest work, it seems, of any and we congratulate them on it.

The seventh impression is that we must go back to a general use of the old "total abstinence pledge," and after proper instruction urge everybody to sign these pledges, then continue to educate even after the pledge has been signed. The first thing I ever consciously signed was one of these pledges, and I'm grateful to say that I have never had the least desire to break it.

The eighth impression is that the best way yet found to control the evil in addition to all the above is through legal prohibition of its manufacture, transportation, possession and sale. Every worthwhile law on our statute books is a prohibitory law. We prohibit murder, we prohibit theft and we prohibit perjury. We must also prohibit this thing which causes so much of these and other crimes.

The ninth impression is that this matter of prohibition must begin right where it did in the days of our fathers—in the local community. I'm glad to say that Mississippi has had the largest number of counties to vote dry of any of the states of the Union, and even though the courts have declared several of these elections null and void on technicalities, that the indications are that the vote against beer and wine in the next elections will be even larger than in the first.

A tenth impression is that our Christian people ought to make more liberal and sustained contributions to our state Anti-Saloon League work. The funds at our command are pitiably small. All funds should be sent to the Mississippi Anti-Saloon League, Jackson, Miss., Rev. N. S. Jackson, Superintendent.

The eleventh impression is that every county in our state should be organized permanently for the fight against this evil, and that the chairman of this county organization ought to be a member of the state Board of Directors of the Anti-Saloon League.

The twelfth impression is that we ought to hold just as early as possible—probably the first week in April—a state-wide convention in Jackson, Miss., in order to make a survey of the present situation and to lay plans to constructively meet these situations. Your state Board of Directors are now planning for such a meeting and we hope to have Dr. James Randolph Hobbs, our new National President and a native Mississippian with us for the meeting. The exact date and place for the meeting will be announced through the daily press just as soon as the details have been worked out and we hope that every community in the state will have representatives present. It is our desire to follow this state-wide meeting with similar meetings in every county in the state.

Very sincerely,
J. L. NEILL, President,
Mississippi Anti-Saloon League.

Take courage, ye whose hungry hearts yearn for things ye cannot name to others! All these things are noted in the great Book of Him who knew and felt them all.—Graves.

HATTIESBURG DISTRICT PASTORS' RETREAT

The first pastors' retreat to be held in the Mississippi Conference opened in Laurel, Monday, March 15, with an attendance of twenty-five pastors.

Dr. J. Fisher Simpson, of the General Board of Christian Education, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. W. B. Alsworth, presiding elder of the Hattiesburg District, and Rev. I. H. Sells, executive secretary of the Mississippi Conference Board of Christian Education, took leadership in the meetings.

The three-day discussion centered around three subjects: evangelism, finance, and Christian education. Ideas were exchanged among all the preachers, every man making his maximum contribution out of his own experience.

The conversations were informal and stimulating. New methods were explored, the task of developing leadership was emphasized, and definite plans were made for future action in the local churches.

Through these three days spent together a new spirit of fellowship in the common task was created among the preachers. At the end of the time together every preacher felt a deep interest in the work of every other preacher, and a desire to see the entire work of the District succeed.

Meals were served by the ladies of the Laurel church and entertainment furnished in the homes for those remaining overnight.

The Laurel Methodists gave a good example of the old-time Southern hospitality. A number of the local people attended the open services in the evenings, where they heard Dr. J. Fisher Simpson in a series of three interesting addresses.

At the conclusion of the session it was unanimously decided that this form of meeting had passed from the stage of experiment to that of necessity. All the preachers voted that another such retreat be arranged for next year.

MILAM REEVES, Secretary.

THE NEXT GREAT STEP—UNITE!

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don't know! We would leave that to time.

Over these branches, we would have the "General Assembly of the Church of Christ in America" made up of delegates on a pro-rata basis, with a minimum number guaranteeing representation of the smaller bodies. This body would have to do with the matters of general interest to the whole Church. District assemblies would deal with local matters, such as overlapping and duplication.

We would no longer tolerate competition or duplication, for we would then be on the co-operative basis instead of the competitive, as now. That would mean that the weakness of one would be the weakness of all, and the strength of one would be the strength of all. The essential thing would be that we would be on a new basis in reference to each other—the co-operative.

Each nation might have its own national expression of Christianity—"The Church of Christ in Great Britain," "The Church of Christ in India," etc. Out of these national expressions would be a "World Assembly of the Church of Christ," made up of delegates from the national churches. This World Assembly would speak in the name of a United Christendom. It could give guidance to a distracted and confused world. We would not want to dominate the world through priestcraft, but we would guide it by moral convictions that would be inescapable.

In regard to the doctrinal basis on which this unity would be founded, I would suggest that that basis be simple—as simple and yet as profound as Christ made it. He founded His Church on the confession that He was the Christ, the Son of the Living God. That is the Rock upon which it was founded. That is the Rock beneath us all. Any group that would confess that confession could be recognized as a branch. That is sufficiently definite to hold us to the essential, and sufficiently indefinite to give freedom for marginal differences.

But are the denominations willing to look on themselves and others as branches? If not, then if any denomination wants unity with other denominations and yet is not willing to recognize itself as a branch and others as branches, then the matter is plain—it does not want unity; it wants absorption. And I'm not interested in absorption on the part of any group.

Nor will it ever happen! Any group that hopes that it will happen in regard to their group is hoping for the moon. It would impoverish Christianity to jam it into one denominational mold.

This plan would not ask any denomination to give up any truth it may possess. It would not have to give it up—it would give it to the rest of us. And each needs the others' truth, for all of us are but partial expressions of the Truth. Out of these pooled emphases there would grow a fuller expression of Christianity, more nearly approximating the Kingdom of God. For none of us are the Kingdom—we are only approximations. We are all poorer for our divisions. A mission compound in India was above the average and I asked the missionary how they were able to get hold of such lovely property, and the reply was, "The man who had the property built such huge walls around it that he went bankrupt building walls and was not able to complete the building, so he had to sell it." He went bankrupt building walls! The separate denominationalism has almost gone bankrupt building walls of separation between themselves and others and keeping them in repair. The time has now come for us to take down those walls, and use the material to build a mighty temple of God.

But we are not only bankrupting ourselves, we are bankrupting the world by our divisions. In South India, the Ezhayas, numbering 850,000, a very intelligent caste, decided after many years of debate to accept Christianity. After the momentous decision had been made, a lawyer arose in the caste conference and said, "Now that you have decided to adopt Christianity, may I ask you, 'Which Christianity?' If you live here, you will be 'Church of England;' if there, then 'Baptist;' if the other place, 'Salvation Army.' Now you are united as a caste; then you'll be divided as denominations." This held up the whole movement and still holds it up. Many a thing is held up by our divisions.

Under this plan, the amalgamation of separate branches could go on, if desirable. It would simply mean that we would have that many fewer branches.

Many of our enterprises, as the missionary enterprise, could be conducted as a unit throughout the world. And with what an impact it would come, presenting a united front to the world need.

But let it be noted that this plan is more than a federation. In a federation, the constituent bodies are left intact. In this plan they are not intact. There are no more separate churches—there are branches of one Church. The churches have faded out; there is but one Church.

The figure that would perhaps express it would be a tree with its many different branches all of them different but forming a symmetrical whole by those very differences. Those branches adhere to the central trunk, "The Church of Christ in America," and that trunk in turn would adhere in the root—Christ, the root of us all—and the root would adhere in the sustaining soil—God, the sustenance of us all.

Or, to change the figure again: In Calcutta, I stayed with the Metropolitan of India, at "The Bishop's House." In this house are many rooms named after different bishops. I stayed in the "Heber Room." When people asked me on the outside where I was staying, I told them I was staying at "The Bishop's House;" but when those on the inside asked me where I was staying, I would reply that I was staying in "The Heber Room." But, the point was that even though there were different names over our doors, we were all under one roof, and belonged to one family. Now we are under separate roofs with dividing walls between us. Now and then we come together in some joint enterprise, but the central thing is not our togetherness. Then the central thing would be our unity and the marginal thing our separateness.

In the foothills of the Himalayas, the fire-flies are very numerous in the rainy season and become interesting points of light in the darkness. But one night I

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Dr. A. T. McIlwain, presiding elder, will assist Rev. W. M. Campbell in a meeting at Doddsville beginning the first Sunday in April.

Rev. W. H. Mounger, pastor at Winona, has arranged a service of meditation on the sayings of Christ on the cross, for Good Friday. The service will last two hours and will be participated in by several visiting ministers.

Rev. S. H. Caffey, First Church, Greenwood, is doing his own preaching in a series of pre-Easter services. Rev. George York, of Price Memorial, is leading the singing. The meeting, which began on March 17, will run through Easter.

Miss Sallie Ritchey, daughter of the late Rev. John Ritchey of the North Mississippi Conference, died at her home in Memphis recently. She and her sister, Miss Mollie, had lived together in Memphis since the death of their father some years ago.

Rev. C. T. Floyd, presiding elder of the Columbus District, is very anxious to secure Mr. Morelock for an Institute for the northern part of the District, in the near future, since those in that area could not participate in the three-day meeting at Grenada.

Mr. Ed. F. Hardin, of Macon, writes enthusiastically of the Stewards' Institute held by Dr. G. L. Morelock at Starkville recently. He expects great good to result from it. Brother Hardin has been our friend since 1905, when we had the good fortune to be stationed at Macon.

Rev. J. O. Dowdle, pastor at Sunflower, reports the best congregations that he has had since he has been on his present charge. He received nine members during February and is happy in the outlook for his work. We acknowledge his invitation to attend the District Conference at Sunflower, and we hope to be present.

The Institute for Stewards and Church Workers, held at Grenada, March 10-12, was well attended by representatives of charges in that vicinity, and those present were captivated by the splendid addresses. Brother Morelock is a specialist in this work, and he brought light and help upon plans for financing the churches—plans which tend to make them spiritual as well as financially independent.

Rev. E. P. Craddock, pastor at Potts Camp, says that a sunrise Easter service is planned for the historic Eagle Springs location, where Col. Potts first settled when the Indians were still in possession of the land. Brother Craddock and his wife are very happy at Potts Camp. Rev. J. D. Wroten, the presiding elder, will do the preaching in a meeting the first week in May, and Dr. C. M. Chapman, of Pontotoc, will be the preacher at the Commencement exercises of the High School.

Rev. W. C. Galceran, Jr., announces that Bishop Dobbs will dedicate the church at Hollandale at 11 o'clock, on April 4. All former pastors are cordially invited to be present. The dedication service will be preceded by a revival meeting led by Rev. Ralph E. Johnson, singing evangelist, March 21 to 31. The debt on the building at Hollandale was paid during the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Galceran, Sr., who is now a superannuate and making his home with the pastor-son. The editor appreciates the invitation to share in the happy occasion, but his own preaching engagements make it necessary for him to send regrets.

A GREAT WEEK IN THE GREENWOOD DISTRICT

The District Institute for stewards and all church workers began on Sunday afternoon, March 7, at the First Methodist Church, Greenwood, led by Mr. G. L. Morelock, Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, and closed with truly a great missionary institute on the following Wednesday.

For the beginning of the District Stewards' Institute there were more than 175 pastors and laymen present in spite of the rain, with every charge in the District represented except four—Winona, Winona Circuit, Lexington, and Ebenezer. These charges are on the outer edge of the District and some of them had impassable roads. On Monday and Tuesday nights the attendance ran over the hundred mark and some of the charges were represented that did not get there Sunday afternoon.

I doubt if Mr. Morelock's work in these District Stewards' Institutes can be excelled. His general theme is spiritualizing the finances of the local church and he gave us a practicable, workable plan by which giving for the support of the Kingdom can be a real spiritual blessing to the giver, and I think we will all agree that this is very much needed in Southern Methodism. His plan has been put into effect in many circuits, small and large station churches, and has brought about a transformation, not only in finances, but in every interest of the church work. Mr. Morelock arrived at this plan through years of experience, having been a member, as he expressed it, of the country village, county-seat and city church, serving on the official board of these various churches; and then as lay leader for the entire church, he has had the opportunity to gather a great deal of data from the experience of others as well as his own, and out of these experiences he has formulated the plan that he is giving in the District Institutes. "It works," according to the testimonies of pastors and laymen which he had in his possession and read to us. He spoke for more than an hour and a half at each meeting and, believe it or not, nobody went to sleep. Nobody who is interested in his church, the kingdom of God, or his soul's welfare could go to sleep under a consecrated layman with a message such as Brother Morelock brought to us. We commend him and his work to the readers of the Advocate unreservedly—don't fail to attend one of his institutes if you have the opportunity.

A word about our Missionary Institute. First, the pastors and laymen were well prepared to appreciate the splendid program that had been well planned by our Conference Missionary Secretary, Rev. R. G. Moore, and Dr. A. T. McIlwain, our presiding elder, because of the high spiritual tide of the Stewards' Institute which closed on Tuesday night.

Every charge in the district was represented except two—Lexington and Minter City-Glendora charge—with an attendance of more than a hundred pastors, laymen and laywomen. Three pastors were absent—one due to illness, and the other two had funerals.

With our presiding elder in the chair the meeting opened with a splendid devotional, led by Rev. Geo. Boyles, of Itta Bena, after which Rev. S. H. Caffey, of Greenwood First Church, spoke on the subject, "A Missionary Minded Pastor," and in a brief fifteen minutes he covered his subject well with a helpful message. Mrs. Robert DeLoach, a member of the Missionary Society of Greenwood, spoke on the "Missionary Committee in the Local Church," telling us in an enlightening way of the duties and how to execute them. Those of us who did not know that the Missionary Committee was of vital importance to the local church and could do a needy piece of work were convinced when she had finished her address.

Dr. E. Nash Broyles pastor of the First Methodist Church, Columbus, spoke on "A Missionary Minded Bishop," presenting the Bishops' Crusade in a fine way and added a word of testimony to the great work our consecrated chief pastors are doing in leading the church in this Crusade to make our church more missionary minded.

Following announcements, Rev. Fred C. Woodard, of Shelbyville, Tenn., represented the General Board of Missions, and brought us a soul-stirring message on his work in one of our important mission fields, Poland, which he served for nine years. He served as a missionary for thirteen years in Europe but only nine of this in Poland.

Lunch was served by the Woman's Missionary Society of the church-host. They called it "lunch," but in my opinion that term is in error, for we don't think of lunch consisting of fried chicken and all the trimmings, including a salad, dessert and coffee—that's "DINNER."

In the afternoon, Brother R. G. Moore, Secretary of our Conference Board of Missions, had a fine selection of literature which he presented in his usual efficient and effective way. It will suffice to say that he sold all the literature he had and took orders for more.

Rev. T. B. Thrower, our pastor at Drew, spoke on "Missionary Giving and the Fourth Sunday Offering," giving helpful information as to how this offering is divided and urged us to see that our churches observe the fourth Sunday for missions.

Prof. B. P. Brooks, our District Lay Leader, brought a brief message on the "Benevolences of the Church." Mr. S. V. Wall, layman from Cleveland, who is Treasurer of our Conference Special (the Lewis Memorial Hospital Fund), represented this worthy work in a very creditable way.

The meeting was climaxed in a great consecration service led by Mr. G. L. Morelock, who was one of our distinguished and appreciated visitors for the day.

The pastors, laymen and laywomen are indebted, and with a deep sense of gratitude to their presiding elder, Dr. A. T. McIlwain, for his consecrated and wise leadership in these District meetings.

J. O. DOWDLE Reporter.

SARDIS-GRENADA DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

By M. H. McCormack, Jr.

Rev. R. G. Moore, Conference Missionary Secretary, characterized the recent missionary institute in Sardis as the largest and finest he had seen in this District. Dr. E. Nash Broyles, one of our distinguished visitors, spoke appreciatively of the unusual spiritual atmosphere surrounding the meeting.

The Institute was held on March 11, and was attended by about 100 delegates, from practically every charge in the District. Our genial presiding elder, Rev. C. T. Floyd, occupied the chair, and spirited addresses were delivered by a large number of able speakers. The speakers included Rev. H. P. Lewis, district missionary secretary; Dr. E. Nash Broyles, representing the Bishops' Crusade; Rev. R. G. Moore, Conference missionary secretary; Hon. S. V. Wall, representing the Lewis Memorial Hospital in Africa; Brother Rook, an honored superannuate; Rev. Seamon Rhea, who conducted the devotional; Rev. C. T. Floyd, presiding elder; Miss Triphenia Rodgers, district secretary of the W. M. S.; Prof. J. R. Fewell, of Senatobia; Mrs. M. E. Woodson, of Olive Branch, and Rev. Fred C. Woodard, representing the General Board of Missions.

Dr. Woodard's address on "Czechoslovakia's Relation to the Methodist Movement" was the principal message of the day, and those present were unanimous in declaring it one of the finest missionary addresses ever heard in this section.

Dr. Broyles' address on "The Bishops' Crusade" outlined the origin and purpose of this great movement within our Church. Dr. Broyles spoke inspiringly of the sacrificial leadership of our bishops, pointing out that the strenuous labor of the campaign launching the Crusade had already exacted heavy toll upon their physical strength. He stated that this was doubtless the cause of the sudden, untimely death of our lamented senior bishop, Bishop Mouzon, and the present serious illness of Bishop Ainsworth. "Such heroic devotion to the cause on the part of our chief pastors should inspire us to greater sacrifice and accomplishment," stated Dr. Broyles.

The Institute voted to request both Dr. Woodard and Dr. Broyles to furnish resumes of their respective addresses to the press for publication.

Brother Wall spoke of the great work being done by the Lewis Memorial Hospital in Wembo Nyama, Africa. He expressed his personal appreciation for what our district had done for this particular cause, and stated: "Bishop Arthur Moore tells me that it is probable that the Methodist missionary dollar goes further and accomplishes more in Africa than in any other field."

The Institute was a great success in every respect, and the cause of missions in the Sardis-Grenada District was given a decided boost.

RESOLUTIONS, COLUMBUS DISTRICT

Whereas, it is the sense of this body of stewards and Christian workers that the messages and leadership of Dr. G. L. Morelock, during this institute, have been outstanding and unique in inspiration and thought-provoking qualities, and

Whereas, his earnestness and the geniality of his personality have been contagious in creating an atmosphere of genuine Christian fellowship, and

Whereas, it is our sober judgment that this has been one of the most inspiring and helpful institutes it has ever been our happy privilege to attend, and

Whereas, we feel that great and lasting good will obtain as a result of these splendid lectures; therefore,

Be it resolved, that we wish to extend our sincere and grateful thanks to Dr. Morelock for his incomparable services, and to wish him God speed in the splendid work which he is doing.

We also wish to commend our beloved leader and presiding elder, Rev. L. P. Wasson, for his untiring efforts in bringing this institute to us. Surely he has been diligent and faithful to the cause, and our gratitude and love are freely offered to him for his fine service.

To Rev. Melville Johnson, our host-pastor, and Mr. J. W. Overstreet, our District lay leader, we extend our grateful thanks for their sympathetic and helpful co-operation in making this institute such a fine success.

Finally, we are grateful for the fine Christian fellowship which has been manifested throughout the meeting.

The co-operation of the pastors and of all Christian workers in the District has been an inspiration to all of us. To every one who has had any part, however slight, in making this such a wonderful experience for us, we are thankful.

If we heed the lessons of the messages brought to us these three days; if we manifest the fine Christian spirit in our daily walks that was shown in these meetings, then surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Resolutions,
By E. F. HARDIN.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CHRISTMAS FUND

Since my report was published some four weeks ago, I have received the following:

Hernando, $22; Lake Cormorant, $4; Marks, $1. Total, $27.

There was $16 in the former report for which no charge was given credit. This was sent by Rev. H. N. McKibben from the Ethel charge.

W. H. MOUNGER, Sec.-Treas.

YE SHALL WAKE

—By Eda Vivian Corbin

Just as the tiny flower bulb
  Beneath the ground doth sleep,
So shall ye, too, O mortal man,
  Death's silent vigil keep;
And as the bulb from slumber wakes
  To rise to beauty rare,
So shall ye wake from death to rise
  Upon God's morning fair.

Ye ask, how shall this come to pass,
  How can this thing be true,
That those who sleep in death shall wake
  To rise and live anew?
'Tis by the grace of God's great love
  The soul shall be reborn,
And by the power of Christ's shed blood
  Ye'll wake and rise that morn.

For God did give His only Son
  To save mankind from sin,
That all who would believe on Him
  Immortal life should win.
And Christ, in being first to rise,
  To man this power gave,
So he, too, might awake and rise
  To life beyond the grave.

And so, just as the flower bulb
  Its beauty doth regain,
So shall ye not, O mortal man,
  In silent death remain;
But through the all-atoning blood
  Of Christ shall be reborn,
And wake, a ransomed soul, to rise
  On Resurrection morn.

Christian Education

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, MARCH 28

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

JOHN'S RECOLLECTION OF THE RISEN LORD

The cross meant death and despair; the resurrection meant life and hope. The hours of the cross were the darkest hours in the history of the world; the day of the resurrection marks the dawn of all its brightness and cheer. Then death lost its sting and the grave its victory. The literal minded disciples with their hopes fixed on a temporal kingdom had not in the least comprehended the sayings of Jesus about his death or his resurrection. Hence, their story of his triumph was no more a wish fulfillment than the story of his death. When they came from the tomb, hope was as dead as the body they had so tenderly laid away. They were as despondent as his enemies were exuberant. They were sheep without a shepherd, utterly confused and disorganized.

In the evening of the day of the resurrection, the disciples were assembled in a room, perhaps the very upper room where they had shared the Last Supper and heard the wonderful words of Jesus a week before. Only a week, but it must have seemed an age since they looked on his face and listened to his words of comfort. Suddenly there was the greeting of "Peace be unto you," and the Lord was with them. He showed his wounds to the astonished group of ten, giving physical evidence that he was alive, that he had conquered death and the grave. Again he pronounced upon them his peace, and handed over to them the consummation of the mission the Father had given to him—"as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." As man had originally received his life from God, so Jesus now breathed upon them and gave them the Holy Spirit, a foretaste of the experience of Pentecost itself, an inner evidence of his presence which is the privilege of the saints of all time.

Thomas, who was not present, declared that he could not accept the report of his brethren without verification by sight and touch of the very wounds of Jesus. We may well rejoice that he was unwilling to take his information on so important a matter at second-hand. A week later, he was with the disciples when Jesus again appeared. When he saw and heard the Master, he was fully convinced, not only recognizing him as Jesus but as Christ the Lord. Jesus commended Thomas, and pronounced his blessing upon the multitudes who should believe, not because they saw his body, but because they perceived the truth of his teaching.

Peter, questioned by Jesus, three times declared his abiding love for the Master he had three times denied, and was commissioned to feed the flock and to follow his Lord. Not content with instruction for himself, he must needs ask about the future of John. Jesus cites him once more to his own duty—"Follow me."

Jesus appeared not less than eleven times to his disciples. His resurrection has been called the best attested fact in history. Even so, it is not easy to accept it on mere physical evidence, given in the distant past and wholly unverifiable today. Additional proof is found in the fact that the disciples did not make argument, but gave testimony, and at the cost of life itself. We have also the evidence of their spiritual transformation and the divinely glorious success that followed their testimony. Above all, we have the blessed experience of every true Christian of a living Christ enthroned in his heart and regnant in his life. For them, there can be no doubt that he "is alive for evermore."

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The Christian Fireside

THE GREATEST VICTORY

By Clyde Edwin Tuck

The greatest of victories ever yet known
In history's annals of fame,
May not have been heralded by trumpets blown—
No tablets or scrolls bear its name;
No hosts with war-banners ablaze in the sun,
Coming back, their brave deeds to relate;
No monarchs with trophies and treasures hard won,
To be named with the mighty and great.

It is victory gained over self when we fight
Our sorest temptation to bear,
Refusing to yield in our stand for the right,
Though the prize may be never so fair.
We are then lifted up where the bright star of hope
Shines to cheer us along the rough way,
Or when lost in doubt's wilderness blindly we grope
And yearn for the breaking of day.

This triumph of soul over sense is not won
Unless the greatest Captain is near;
How sweet it will be just to hear His "well done,"
And our troubles and fears disappear!

Though the strife may seem long, and our courage may wane,
When the marsh-lights of sin onward lure;
Or, pausing, we list to the sirens' refrain—
With His help our escape will be sure.

GONIES OF GONEYVILLE

In the middle of the Pacific Ocean there is a little island called Midway Island, says a writer in the Junior Catholic Messenger. We read about it several weeks ago. It is one of the islands where the Pacific clipper planes stop. The men who run the air line have built a hotel there. The passengers from the airplanes stop there for the night. Then they fly on the next day.

On this island lives a strange kind of bird called a gony. Baby gonies are the most obedient children in the world. When they are hatched from the eggs, Mamma Gony tells them not to leave the nest for four months. (This seems to be an old gony custom). Baby gonies never disobey. The men who worked on this island, getting it ready for the clipper planes, soon discovered this. The baby gonies would not move out of the way of their tractors. The men had to pick them up so they would not be run over. As soon as the tractors passed by, however, the gonies went right back again. Often the tractors destroyed the nests. This did not bother the little gonies, however. They went right back to the spot where the nests used to be. There they sat until Mamma Gony said, "Your four months are over. You may go now."—Our Dumb Animals.

"Paint My Egg?—Never!"

This young chick stepped out of the shell just in time to spoil some child's Easter fun. But thousands of eggs will be colored this year as American children participate in their annual Easter custom.

GRATITUDE AND THE FEELING OF INDEPENDENCE

A certain physician who was noted for his charity, particularly for his kindness to the poor, had for a patient an old man who was afflicted with a chronic trouble. The doctor knew that the disease was incurable, but, out of the goodness of his heart, for many months he paid a weekly visit to the old man and, just to prevent the old fellow's becoming utterly discouraged, he would give him some harmless tonic along with such words of encouragement as he felt that he could honestly give the sufferer. But one day when the doctor came upon a weekly round, the old man greeted him with: "You needn't come no more, Doc. You ain't done me no good, so I been savin' up my money to get me one of them pay doctors."

Prescott said of the conqueror of Mexico, "Cortez had yet to learn that gratitude has reference to the future and not to the past." Such was the experience of the good doctor when his hopeless patient, whom he had served for love of humanity, imagined that he was able to provide for himself.

MENTAL SATISFACTION

A woman moved into a furnished apartment where roaches were a nuisance. One day a friend called and laid her wraps on the bed during the visit. That night the occupant of the apartment was disturbed and she arose and hunted the bed for pests. Finally she set the four posts of the bed in cans of water and was not troubled any more. But when she was moving away she discovered that the bed had eight posts instead of four.

HE KNEW BETTER

In the course of his sermon one Sunday, a certain minister told a hair-raising story of a time when he was lost. The interest of his little daughter was very much aroused and when he reached home after services, she asked him to tell her all about his being lost. At that point her little brother, older than she, broke in with: "Aw, sister, daddy wasn't ever lost. He was just preaching."

THE POINT OF VIEW

A proud motorist said: "I've driven this car ten years and never had a wreck."

To that proud boast, a debunking friend replied: "You mean you have driven that wreck ten years and never had a car."

Methodist Women

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
1574 Jefferson Avenue, New Orleans, La.

The first quarter's meeting of zone 4 of the Shreveport District was held recently at Sexton Chapel, with Mrs. William C. McDonald, leader, presiding. The following interesting program was given:

Morning worship—Pelican auxiliary.

Address—"What's Right with the Rural Church?" Mrs. Ben Wimberly, Wesley Chapel.

"Our Conference Pledge," Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter.

"Our District," Mrs. N. B. Wren.

The Quiet Hour, led by Deaconess Grace Gatewood.

Play—"Not Exempt," Coushatta auxiliary.

"Our Literature," Mrs. Sudie Lingle.

"The World Outlook," Logansport auxiliary.

Missionary Message—"Christian Education an Evangelistic Force in Cuba," Rev. Frank C. Collins.

Special music was rendered by the ladies of Hall Summitt, Grand Bayou and Harmon.

A joyous event of the day was the presentation of a baby life membership to Charles Emery Richie, three months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Richie. Mrs. Richie is superintendent of "Baby Specials" of the Harmon auxiliary.

Mrs. Ben Wimberly was elected zone representative to the Pastors' School to be held in June at Centenary College.

Mrs. J. J. Walker is the capable secretary and treasurer of this zone.

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Speaking of life members, Mrs. M. L. Meredith, said to be the oldest Methodist in Monroe, was recently presented with a life membership by her auxiliary. Mrs. Meredith has given a life-long and consecrated service to her Lord and to her Church.

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The minds and hearts of all missionary women have been turned toward Columbia, South Carolina, this past week, to the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council, held in Washington Street church. Highlights scheduled for the program were:

1. Devotional address delivered daily by Dr. W. T. Watkins, of Emory University.
2. Platform address by Bishop Arthur J. Moore on "Our Work in Foreign Fields."
3. A talk on "The Council for a Christian Social Order," by Dr. J. W. Shackford, pastor of Washington Street Church.
4. An address on "International Relations and World Peace," by Bishop Francis J. McConnell.
5. An address, "Woman's Responsibility in a Changing World," Miss Charl Williams.
6. Messages from the fields by a number of missionaries and deaconesses.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Stanley Wilson,
2212 Fifteenth Street, Meridian, Miss.

The Petal W. M. S., under the leadership of Mrs. Eugene Carley as president, and Mrs. E. E. McKeithen, the pastor's capable and energetic wife, as a right-hand helper, is functioning as a real missionary society. Last year it made the best record of its history, having paid its pledge of $90, plus the Scarritt and Wesley House pledges; also one dollar per member extra which entitled the auxiliary to membership on the Jubilee Roll. Mrs. McKeithen was honored with a life membership.

From Lily Farm

Two million Easter lilies like this come annually from the largest lily farm in America, located at Spring Valley, N. Y. Bulbs are imported from Japan.

Beginning with this year, the president suggested that there be one meeting each month held in the evening when a missionary program would be given and the entire church invited to attend. One circle will be responsible for the program and entertainment. At the close of the year a vote will be taken on the programs given and an award presented to the circle winning for the most attractive evening's entertainment.

Two such meetings have been held. The first program featured a pageant worked up from "Looking in on the Missionary Dollar While It Works," which was very instructive and interesting. A play, "Going South," which gives a splendid background for our spring mission study, was the leading number for the last program. Children, young people, and adults are all used on these programs. Attendance is fine and interest keen. We know the auxiliary is arousing the missionary spirit, and that valuable missionary knowledge is being disseminated throughout the church. Moreover, the fellowship these "family" meetings offer is a contributing factor in the church's spiritual progress.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

The missionary offering in our Church Schools in the Conference has fallen even below the small amount of 1935. Less than $300 has been received by the Woman's Missionary Society as their pro-rata. If your auxiliary has not already done so, we suggest that you elect a Secretary of Children's Work at once. Let her co-operate with the officials of the Church School in promoting the missionary education of the children of the churches and in remitting the offering for missions on the fourth Sunday of each month to Rev. Roy A. Grisham, Grenada, Miss. Mrs. C. A. Parks, of Grenada is the Conference Director of Children's Work under the Board of Christian Education. She will be glad to assist in any possible way in the promotion of this enterprise.

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Mrs. Hinchcliff, of 313 Walker Street, Greenville, Miss., asks that after you have elected the Children's Secretary, as suggested above, that you send the name to her that her mailing list for the Bulletin may include every auxiliary. The spring study for the primaries is "Boys and Girls in China," by Juanita Ray Kent; that for juniors, "Let's See China."

Begin now to plan for this study and resolve to report the study to the Conference Secretary the first of July.

If you use this spring study, certain groups of Chinese children will be as pleased as these clippings show that the Mexican and Negro children were with the extra-curricular activities of the children of our Church during other study periods.

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"How happy Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tenn., has been because of the splendid interest shown by the white boys and girls of our Church in sending over one hundred lovely boxes of dolls, scrap books, soap, games, books, toys, pictures, crayons, pencils, scissors, construction paper, and many other things. Practically everything was new, which we deeply appreciate. This interest was

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In Memoriam

MRS SABIA ERAN CARTER

Mrs. Sabia Eran Carter was born on November 21, 1854, and departed this life on January 10, 1937. This beautiful life came into being at Wade, Miss., where she lived a faithful Christian throughout the fruitful years of her life.

On June 25, 1874, she was married to Milton Carter. To this union were united six sons and three daughters. Surviving her is her husband and eight children—Mrs. Henry Taylor, Vancleave, Miss.; Mrs. Brooks Johnson, Wade Miss.; Mr. Jack, Ford, and Grover Carter, also of Wade, Miss; W. C. Carter, of Lucedale, Miss.; H. C. and C. C. Carter, Port Gibson Miss.

Going through life by the side of a faithful husband was the crowning joy of her life. She was so devoted and true to every interest which concerned the life and work of her companion. She never faltered at any time, as long as she had physical strength.

After her death her body was buried in Johnson cemetery where she now sleeps.

Rev. Luke E. Alford, of Moss Point, conducted the funeral services, assisted by Rev. A. S. Byrd, of Escatawpa.

Her last illness was one of prolonged discomfort and acute suffering, but she remained sweet and patient through the trials and tribulations of life and the suffering and anxiety of death.

Her greatest success was as a home builder. She gave much thought to the making of a Christian home for her husband and children, so that when they thought of home they would think of it with delight.

She was pleased to have friends in her home. She knew how to make them welcome and happy.

Another splendid virtue which stood out in her life was loyalty. She was eminently loyal to her church, beginning her Christian life when a child.

She cultivated her mind and heart with the best things the church afforded. She had none of those regrets that haunt so many people. Going from a Christian home to establish a Christian home was the natural and normal outgrowth of her purpose in life.

No words of eulogy can bespeak the noble characteristics of this life or tell the beautiful story of the contributions that this lovely life made to our world during its sojourn here.

She shall live on in the lives of her many associates, friends and loved ones, whom she touched, loved and helped.

Mrs. Carter was always generous in her sympathies and charitable in her disposition. Her noble Christian character made her one of the most lovable women in the community. She never spoke unkindly of anyone.

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NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

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the result of the study of the Negro in the Church Schools."

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"One of the most interesting features of the Vacation Bible School at Centra Cristiano, Saltillo, Mexico, was the gifts made by the children as an appreciation for gifts sent them by the elementary departments of Church Schools in the United States of America. The children of these schools had a unit of study on Mexico and as a result many boxes of lovely gifts were sent to churches in Mexico, the Saltillo church being among them. These return gifts were handmade. One boy made a real jig-saw puzzle."

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Kosciusko reports good work along most lines. Interest as a whole seems good. They have completed the study, "Preface to Racial Understanding," and are to begin "Out of Africa" this month. The first study was held with very good attendance and interest, though in neither case were they able to enlist enough members to have Council recognition. They have three splendid teachers—Mrs. Lucille Sullivant Sadler, Mrs. J. W. Allen, and Mrs. Will Hammond.

REV. W. J. WOOD SERIOUSLY ILL

After the Advocate forms had been made up, notice came of the serious illness of Rev. W. J. Wood, of Corinth, Miss. Brother Wood is pastor of Southside church at Corinth, and Rev. J. D. Wroten, the presiding elder, says that he "suffered a stroke yesterday (Thursday) morning. He is in a serious condition."

THE NEXT GREAT STEP—UNITE!

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saw a fire-fly convention—there must have been tens of thousands of them in one great tree and there must have been a cheer-leader, for they put their lights on and off in unison. As they put them on together, they lighted up the whole countryside. Our separate denominations are interesting points of light as they shine in the darkness, but let them pool their lights and they will lighten the world.

One of the advantages of this plan is that it could be put into operation now, without years of backing and filling and compromising. And it would set our faces in the direction of complete unity at once.

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A man was having trouble removing the cap from a lawn roller. The roller was hollow and the weight was increased by filling it with water. In this instance, it had been stored for a season and the cap had rusted until it could not be removed. A friendly woman standing by offered to assist the man in his struggle to remove the cap, but he made no acknowledgment of her friendly offer. As she walked away, she took a parting shot at him: "My dad would put coal oil on it and leave it a bit and it would turn easily." He was adamant in his refusal to accept help or suggestion. Later the woman noticed that he was pushing the roller about the lawn, and he had used the coal oil. He had made an ungracious surrender.

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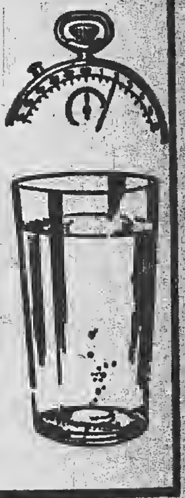

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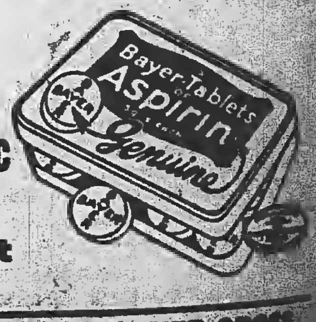

LOOK FOR THE BAYER CROSS

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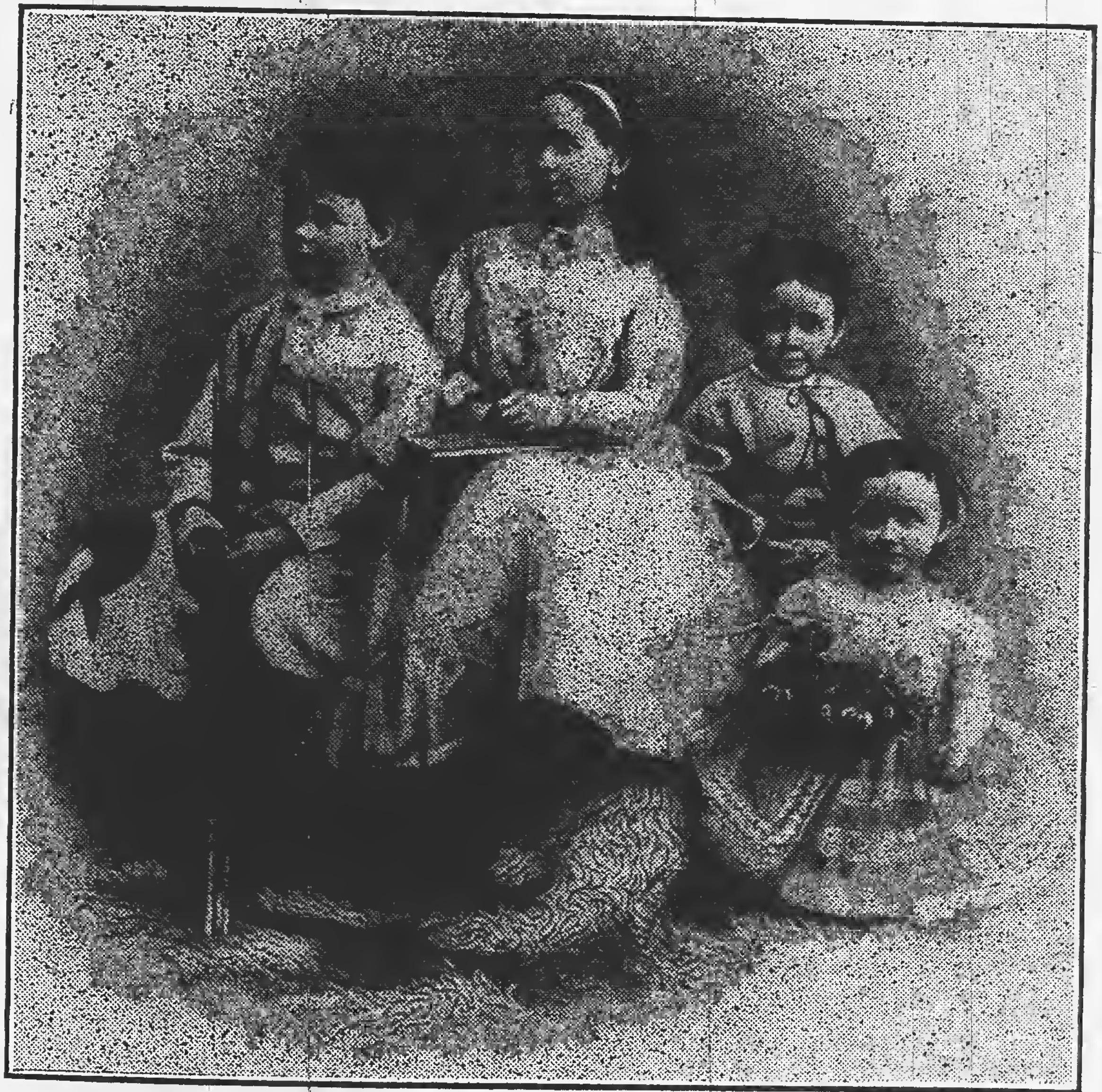
Faces Through the Mist



The children of Hon. Jefferson Davis. An old print from "The Land We Love." They are Jefferson, Margaret Howell, William Howell and Varina Howell ("Winnie").

Wallet of the Week

LEONARDO DA VINCI, whose immortality rests upon his paintings, was also a man of an inventive turn of mind. He spent much time upon the study and construction of weapons of war. He even devised a submarine boat which he refused to give to the public because he felt that it was "too satanic" to be placed in the hands of men. In the suppression of his imaginary instrument of destruction, he exhibited a conscience to which the twentieth century is a stranger.

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TOMBSTONE BIOGRAPHIES of a hundred years ago often show an uncanny and even brutal frankness, not to mention a strange theology, as may be seen from the epitaph of an Indian fighter: "To Lem S. Frame, who during his life shot 89 Indians whom the Lord delivered into his hands, and who was looking forward to making up his hundred before the end of the year when he fell asleep in Jesus at his house at Hawk's Ferry, March 27, 1843."

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IN FAR-AWAY NEW ZEALAND resound the echoes of nations arming for war. In recent months, official and patriotic organizations, backed by the public press, have waged an intensive campaign of propaganda in order to make certain the passage of a bill appropriating $6,322,650—New Zealand's contribution to a senseless policy of making secure the peace of the world by a pageant of destruction. Great passenger planes of a type that may be converted for military use are to be built at once, and all this to meet the obligations of a place in the Commonwealth of Nations claiming to be civilized.

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THE CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT failed of ratification in the New York House of Assembly recently after it had successfully passed the Senate. A reconsideration move was defeated by the vote of 105 to 35. The Amendment had the active support of President Roosevelt, ex-President Hoover, Governor Lehman and Governor Landon. It appears that Cardinal Hayes of the Catholic Church aggressively opposed the measure on the ground that it would ultimately substitute the state for the home in controlling the life of the child. One of the chief framers of the measure was the late Senator Thomas J. Walsh, an ardent Catholic. The defeat of the Amendment is a serious set-back to the cause of legislation in behalf of children.

THE BYZANTINE MANUSCRIPTS, said to be the most valuable collection in the world, have been destroyed by fire at the famous monastery at Megaspelaeon. The monastery was built under an overhanging cliff, which is said to have served as a giant flue for the flames. Three times previously the monastery had caught fire, in the ninth, fifteenth, and seventeenth centuries, but was saved. The only treasures saved from the recent fire were a portrait of the Madonna, which tradition says was painted by St. Luke, and the Bible of the monastery.

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SNAKE WORSHIP, according to a report attributed to a well-known American periodical, is still prevalent in the turpentine camps of Georgia and the cypress swamps of Louisiana. According to the account, chickens, goats and cows are offered up at rough jungle altars, tomtoms are beaten, gourd fiddles are played, accompanied "by a frenzied whirl of dancing feet," followed by the slaying of the sacrificial victim. The accuracy of this story is on a par with the report of the bare-footed South, and certain presidential straw votes now somewhat discredited.

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THE OLD ADELPHI TERRACE, which was an integral part of the life of London and was the haunt of such characters as Charles Dickens and David Garrick, is to give place to a new Adelphi—modern and efficient eleven-story office buildings of American design. It is one of many examples in which a romantic atmosphere has succumbed to the spirit and the ruthless march of modern progress—a movement common to our own land as well as in England and on the Continent. Progress is not made impressive by change so much as by comparison, the contrast of the old with the new.

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ABYSSINIAN DISCONTENT is reported to have become very acute since the bloody slaughter a few weeks ago. The Italians fear to venture outside the city except in crowds, and the conquerors are finding that the sword is a doubtful remedy for their ills in that land. To other troubles, it seems that the religious element has been added also. At the time of the conquest, the integrity of the native Coptic Church was guaranteed. Now the Vatican announces a plan to divide the country into five Roman Catholic provinces. And Mr. Mussolini, while on a visit to Libyia, is reported to have accepted the title of "Protector of Islam."

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EDITORIAL

THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

With Easter over, our Church turns into the closing days of the first phase of the missionary Crusade which, for the past three months, has occupied the thought of our people from coast to coast. This movement has had the right of way in the church press and in the thinking of Southern Methodists. We shall be much disappointed if the first purpose of the Bishops' Crusade does not bring the missionary interests of the Church to an easier financial position and to a more hopeful and confident outlook upon our missionary frontiers. Surely the time has come when this goal must be achieved, for too long the pagan world has waited while the Church marked time because it lacked the financial resources necessary for missionary progress. But the tragedy of failure to achieve this first objective would not be nearly so great as would be the failure to carry through to a glorious fulfillment the deeper evangelistic aim of the movement. If we shall fail to recover for the Church the spiritual glow and fervor of Aldersgate, all else will be of little consequence and we will have little of worth to offer to nations that sit in darkness and to individuals who grope for the light and power of spiritual liberation. There may be some who would put up guards against emotional manifestation, but we do not share the anxiety on that account. Personally, we do not fear emotional excitement for any group, young or old, rustic or urban. We remember that the disciples of Jesus found it much easier to justify conduct attributed to their being filled with new wine than their more proper and conventional accusers did to explain a Sahara-like deadness in the history of the Church. Jesus was concerned for the **life** of the Church, the rabbis for its **proprieties.** We want a return of spiritual power and we are not concerned about fixing the style for its expression. If the millions of Methodists now enlisted can be brought into a new experience of consecration, we are willing to trust God to serve as the master of ceremonies at the demonstration which may follow. We would much prefer to have our people emotionally stirred because they are spirit-filled than to be cool, calculating and program-regimented.

REGULATORS AND INCULCATORS

Such were the terms which the late William Winter, for half a century an outstanding critic of American drama, once applied to people who assume to prescribe the morals and regulate the conduct of mankind. "The Regulators," said he, "think that they know what is best for all their neighbors, and they are continually meddling with the affairs of others. The Inculcators are heavily freighted with Moral Lessons, and are never weary of the damnable iteration of moral platitudes." This general observation was re-enforced by equally severe and biting epithets: "meddlesome interference," "impudent assumptions," "clerical colic," etc. After all allowance is made for the heat and intemperance of such words, the fact remains that nothing is more distasteful and irritating than captious and arrogant criticism, and its offensiveness is not relieved in the least by any screen of sacred eminence. The attack was not upon just criticism, but upon an empty and pharisaical censoriousness. All wholesome reproof involves a measure of criticism, but its reproaches are made bearable by a systematic and understanding spirit, a personal reflection of the inner consciousness of what it costs to conquer wrong in habit and desire. It is a great deal easier for the most of us to become dabblers in things to which we have no legitimate relation than it is to bring to the problem and heartache of mankind the sympathy born of sharing responsibility. To put it another way, it is easier to be a disconnected critic of institutions and leaders than to bring constructive and helpful suggestion for situations which in themselves may merit the severest condemnation. The prophetic and the pastoral attitudes of spiritual leadership are far removed from bald and intolerant denunciation. The average person likes to take sides, no matter if it is only a dog fight; but he must create a sensible approach for his intervention unless he is willing to wind up as one of the dogs in the melee of snaps and snarls. To know what underlies trouble of any kind, is a first and a necessary step in the reproof which works toward adjustment. The man who watched the theatrical pageant through fifty years was right in the feeling that mere criticism and platitude have little to offer for the solution of the tragic and the wretched conditions which outcrop in human thought and conduct.

THE GENEVA BIBLE

The Geneva Bible, better known as the "Breeches Bible," because of its translation of Genesis 3:7, has probably never been appreciated, certainly not in our time, for the merit which it really has. It is always introduced by its eccentric and provincial passages and very few people have had either the opportunity or the inclination to examine it for themselves. It has the early English spelling, the peculiarities of speech and the old type forms of the books of that period. But as a faithful and a discriminating translation of the original, it has genuine merit. In a recent article carried by **The Christian World**, London, Dr. James Black called attention to a number of striking passages. Among those cited, "It doeth no uncomely thing," for "Doth not behave itself unseemly," of the King James version. We have a copy of the Geneva Bible, prepared by those English and Scotch exiles in the reign of the "Bloody Queen Mary," and we have often found illuminating suggestion in its quaint phrases. Of course, it could not take the place of the King James version, if for no other reason, because of its obsolete language, but there can be no doubt that it had a large part in the making of that version. It was fifty years earlier than the Authorized version, but its originality and imagination are often in striking contrast with that of the later work. In the last verse of the twelfth chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians it has "desire earnestly the best gifts," and the King James substitutes the word "covet." In the thirteenth chapter of the same epistle, the Geneva Bible uses the word "love" and for some unaccountable reason the Authorized version substituted "charity." Our Authorized version fills a place which the Geneva Bible could not supply, but despite its eccentricities, the Geneva Bible is a sympathetic and understanding translation of the thought and impulse of the original text, and those heroic men who were exiles for their faith evidently had felt the heart-throb of their Lord.

PROTESTANT GIFTS

Protestant gifts in 1936 show an upward trend, according to the tabulations made by the United Stewardship Council, 152 Madison Avenue, New York. The tabulations for twenty-four leading Protestant denominations show an increase in total gifts of slightly less than three per cent. The Church of the Nazarenes had a drop in gifts, but still holds its lead in total per capita contributions. The Southern Baptist Church which held the low record for 1935 staged a six per cent increase in its per capita giving. That increase compares well with the progress made by any denomination during 1936.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

MEN'S SHOES—BABY SOCKS

We were in a store the other day when a colored man came in and asked to be shown some men's shoes. He was a young giant—at least six feet in height, with other dimensions in proportion. His vehicles of locomotion were long, broad, and thick. When the merchant asked him what size he wanted, he said that he could wear a ten.

Then followed the process of selecting and trying-on. After about fifteen minutes of earnest endeavor, a pair was found that seemed to meet all specifications. Then came the inquiry as to price. The merchant named $4.20 as the minimum. The Negro shook his head, and asked to be shown something cheaper. A $3.50 pair was produced. Again there was a careful examination—and another shaking of the head. The price-range was too high for the customer, and it was evident that the old pair would have to serve a while longer. It looked, too, as if there would be no further negotiations.

But the young colored man then asked the merchant if he had any baby socks. "Plenty of them," was the reply. A generous assortment was produced—and a careful examination followed. The price was named as fifteen cents a pair. "Wrap me up a pair," said the customer—and the deal was completed.

We knew a man once who finished college, and then entered a noble calling. The last time we saw him he was the "butch" on a local passenger train on a branch road.

A father left his only child a fortune estimated in six figures. Within five years after the heir came into possession he was making a living by odd-jobs.

You can't buy men's shoes with the price of a pair of baby socks!

LARGER COOPERATION, FOR THAT I NOW PLEAD

By Arthur J. Moore

Moving across the country in half a hundred great missionary rallies in January and February, it was apparent even to the least optimistic that the heart of the Church was being profoundly stirred. Vast multitudes assembled to hear the messages, often in spite of most inclement weather, and their spiritual and financial response was immediate and hearty. Everywhere one heard comments to the effect that a new day had come to Methodism.

The Crusade purposely abated its direct propaganda during the month of March, seeking to stimulate and not hinder the Easter payment of benevolences. If in the spirit so manifest in the rallies there were ephemeral and unstable elements—any superficial emotion that did not go deep—there has been time and opportunity for such elements to subside. What remains represents the real spirit of the Bishops' Crusade. And if you could sit here in my office and read the mail that pours in from every section of our territory, you would realize—as I realize—that our preachers and people have their hearts in this enterprise. What moves them is not a passing sentiment; it is a sincere conviction that something must be done about the missionary passion and religious experience of Methodism, and that now is the time to do it.

THE TEST

We have reached the critical period of the Crusade. Now has arrived the testing time for bishops, preachers, and people. Have we grasped the full significance of the Bishops' Crusade? We were very enthusiastic at the Rallies—Is the spirit still within us—and powerful enough to move us?

What happens on April 23, and April 25, will be of the utmost significance. It will indicate whether our spiritual impulses are fundamental and lasting, or whether they are but passing whims. It will determine whether we can step together and make a program succeed or whether the few must do the work which properly belongs to all. Then will be decided whether our missionary debt will be paid and our energies released for an evangelistic advance, or whether we will permit an impediment we could easily remove, remain as a chain about our feet.

More than all this, what happens on April 23 and April 25 will determine the success or failure of the Bishops' Crusade.

This Crusade is a great spiritual venture—its objective is to change the whole life and attitude of our Church. The missionary forward movement is but a part of the total enterprise, and the payment of the debt is but a part of the missionary phase. Probably the most important section of the Crusade is that which falls in 1938—when Bishop Smith leads the Church in a movement to deepen personal spiritual experience and commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of John Wesley's "heart warming" experience. This deals with our supreme need; its objective sums up and includes all others. Unless we succeed in getting our people back to God and to personal religion, all the other things we are doing will eventually prove futile.

But we cannot bring the second phase to success over the failure of the first phase. The whole movement must be cumulatively successful. To call people to deeper religious experience in 1938 when they had spurned a missionary appeal in 1937 would be useless. We cannot revive the Church spiritually while our missionary work languishes around the world.

ALL TOGETHER

We must make the missionary forward movement gloriously triumphant, and fresh from the achievement we must go on and bring to all our members a new life in God. We must not only pay our missionary debt, but it must be done in such a way that the people will be uplifted and the missionary passion rekindled and deepened. The plan of the Bishops' Crusade provides the method by which this can be done. If that plan is everywhere carried out fully and faithfully, it will be done.

First, observe the commemoration occasion on Friday night, April 23. A half million Methodists should be gathered around tables on that evening, dining in Christian fellowship and celebrating the sailing of Charles Taylor and Benjamin Jenkins eighty-nine years ago. It is needless to reiterate that this is to be an important spiritual occasion—the observation of an ephocal event in Methodist history—and not an ordinary "church supper" given to raise money. There is no conflict between the spiritual nature of this program and the fact that it will return funds for our missionary cause. The pastor whose hand is skillful and whose heart is in this Crusade will know how to combine the two—as he will also be able to adapt the plan to the nature of the charge he is serving and the particular situation he faces.

Second, we must have a series of Sunday services, commemorating the beginning of our foreign missions, that will electrify the Church. The culminating dates are April 23 and 25, but every day from March 29 until that time will be needed to inform and enlist our people.

In this event pastors have the theme for great sermons. And above everything else, preaching is desired on these occasions, for nothing is so influential in Methodism as the pulpit utterances of the preacher. Speak unto the people, and they will go forward.

At these services the free-will offerings will complete the Bishops' Crusade debt-retirement fund. The offering envelopes will be invaluable here. Every home should receive an envelope days or weeks in advance, and the missionary commemoration service should be the occasion for bringing in the gifts.

We have seventeen thousand Southern Methodist churches in this country. We have seven thousand Southern Methodist preachers in charge of these churches. How easy it would be to raise several times the amount we need if every preacher presented the matter in every church!

The call of the hour is to individual Christians to face their own obligations in the light of Christ's clear command. Too many of us have drifted from our early conception of what it meant to be a Christian. We have lost our sacrificial spirit. The Church will never be revived and Christ's mission to the wide world never accomplished until the marks of the Lord Jesus are discernible in our daily living. In this way and this way alone can we hope to see the sanctification of the Church and the salvation of the world.

In order to be worthy of the great opportunities which confront us and accomplish the purpose for which the Crusade was organized, we must have loyal cooperation and sacrificial service. For that I now plead.

ARTHUR J. MOORE.

THE SOCIAL GOSPEL AND THE ABDICATION OF THE CHURCH

By Bishop Warren A. Candler

We hear much of what is called the "social gospel" in which talk the saving gospel seems to be ignored, if not utterly rejected. It implies that the truth as it is in Jesus Christ is ineffectual to save the world and the State or some other secular force must be substituted in its place.

Dr. H. R. Niebuhr in his recent book entitled "The Church Against the World" has this striking passage in which he predicts the ruin of the church by what is called the "social gospel." He says:

"The 'social gospel,' in so far as it is the identification of the Gospel with a certain temporal order, is no recent American invention. In the history of Europe and America there have been many similar efforts which sought ideal ends, identified the church with political agencies, and succeeded in fastening upon society only some new form of power control against which the church needed again to protest and rebel. . . .

"The confusion was as explicable and as specious in every instance as is the identification of Christianity with radical political movements today. Yet in every instance the result was a new tyranny, a new disaster, and a new dependence of the church. It is one thing for Christians to take a responsible part in the political life of their nation; it is another thing to identify the Gospel and its antagonism to 'the world' with the 'worldly' antagon-

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. Joe Spaulding, of Bogalusa circuit charge, says that the pastor was "fired up" as much as his people were in the recent revival conducted by Rev. Harry S. Allen.

Bishop Dobbs has called the presiding elders of his district to meet jointly with the missionary leaders. The meeting is in the interest of the Bishops' Crusade and will be held in Jackson, Miss., on March 30.

The notice carried last week of the services being held at McDonoghville and Reserve was considerably in error. The fact is the two meetings were held simultaneously. Rev. Elmer C. Gunn did the preaching at Reserve and Rev. J. G. Snelling did similar service at McDonoghville.

The death of Mr. J. R. Abels on March 23, will bring sorrow to a wide circle of friends in Louisiana. His death occurred at Ponchatoula following a stroke which we noted in our issue of last week. Brother Abels was seventy-eight years of age, and he had lived worthily and well.

Mrs. Rebecca C. Gorton, of Shreveport, in renewing her subscription, inquires about Dr. Raulin's column carried as a feature last year. That column was discontinued as a feature when we assigned special pages to the Conferences. Dr. Raulins has a standing invitation to write when he so desires.

Dr. Theodore Copeland, one of the closest readers of the church press that we know, remembers us with a solicitous inquiry which we appreciate. We trust that Mrs. Copeland who was ill recently, may be entirely well by now and that Dr. Copeland may be able to resume his work in the evangelistic field soon.

Rev. D. B. Boddie has been very busy in the days preceding Easter. In addition to conducting services afternoon and night at Sulphur, he gave a radio devotion over Lake Charles station each morning at 10 a. m. He is continuing his services at Sulphur next week when the editor of this paper will be the preacher.

Dr. C. A. Bowen, secretary of the Editorial Department of the General Board of Education, has our sincere thanks for a brotherly interest in our recovery from our recent auto mishap and for an equally appreciated word regarding the Advocate. We are glad to say that we are still improving, but recovery has not been as sudden as was the accident.

We have just received a list of subscriptions sent in by Rev. L. W. Smart, of Bossier City. This completes his quota for the campaign, and this is the third charge to raise its quota in full. Brother Smart's final word makes us feel good: "It has given me pleasure to get these for my Church. I hope all the preachers will do as well.". We like the wider spirit of loyalty expressed in those words.

A BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT

Dear Dr. Duren: I thank you sincerely and heartily for the fine introduction you gave me some weeks ago to the people of Iuka.

I do not feel worthy of the good things you said of me, but am sincerely trying to measure up to the standard God has set for us, and it encourages me to know that friends believe I have made progress in that direction.

And the fact that I am a superannuate shall not lessen my desire and purpose to devote myself wholly to the Master's work and to be of some service in advancing His Kingdom.

I am not an entire stranger here, having been raised in nearby Tippah County, at the old Camp Ground Church, and attended school at Iuka when a young man. And it was here that I did my hardest and only successful courting; and it was successful in the highest and fullest sense, for I found and secured a companion here who has blessed my life and ministry, and who is an increasing source of strength and happiness as we journey on toward the sunset together.

Brother Ashmore is doing a great work here and is in fine favor with his people. He is a good preacher, a good pastor, and a hard worker, so, of course, effect follows cause.

I greatly enjoy and appreciate the Advocate and more so, if possible, since my retirement from active service. My prayers are with those who are in the active ranks, and I trust this year will witness great progress in the Master's work.

Yours sincerely,

L. C. WILSON.

A UNIQUE OCCASION

On the morning of February 6, 1907, a bridal party gathered around a large table in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McGowan, in Jeanerette, La. Paul N. Cyr had, a few hours before, been wed to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McGowan, and this was the wedding breakfast that was to set them off on their honeymoon.

On the night of March 4, 1937, former lieutenant-governor Paul N. Cyr and his wife sat around that same table with eighteen other adults in attendance at the Adult Night Supper of the Jeanerette Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Cyr is a member. That table measures ten feet across and is in the form of a perfect circle. Having been constructed especially for the wedding breakfast of the Cyrs, it has been preserved through these thirty years and is brought out on rare occasions for use.

In addition to the twenty gathered around the central table there were twenty-eight others assembled in the spacious dining-room of the McGowan home.

After a delightful supper, during which addresses were made by Pastor Alvin P. Smith, Adult Teachers Dr. C. I. Bray and Mrs. A. O. Rhoad, and guest speaker Rev. J. T. Harris, of Franklin, the entire group assembled in the living room for a period of singing and fellowship.

A. P. SMITH.

REVIVAL AT BOGALUSA

Dear Dr. Duren: We have just closed a two weeks' revival here in Bogalusa, Evangelist Harry E. Allen doing the preaching. (March 1-March 14.)

The Methodist Mission, opened in December, was sponsoring the tent meeting and was blessed mightily in having this man of God with its people at this time.

With small attendance and poor weather to open the meeting, each service was better attended and the closing nights saw the tabernacle filled. Evangelist Allen preached a gospel message that brought grown men and women and children to the altar where they gave themselves to God; some wept tears of joy as they felt the Spirit of God at work. Some forty people were converted and joined with churches of the city under the powerful sermons of the evangelist.

On family night, a feature of the meetings held by the evangelist, all chairs were taken and some persons stood. Awards were made to those who were the oldest parents, those who had the most children present, the one reading the most scripture during the meeting, the person bringing the greatest number of people out to the meetings and so on. The services were conducted as the old time services—songs were read then sung, the evangelist, with the help of the elderly people, recalled the worship customs and habits of the little church of long ago. Since the meeting, many have told the pastor how they were blessed of God by this one service alone.

Harry S. Allen gave of his time, energy, talents, and other resources to make this meeting the mighty spiritual blessing that it was. His sermons were deadly to sin yet at the same time a comfort to all who heard them. Souls were touched and blessed in many parts of the town and from other churches.

The people and the pastor pray God's blessings upon this prophet of God and trust that he will come our way again soon.

From three we have grown to a membership of near thirty persons and feel that the power of God is working in our young church. Plans are going into shape now for a house of worship for our classes and services.

JOE SPAULDING,
Pastor, Bogalusa Circuit.

LOUISIANA YOUNG PEOPLE

Along about February 26th at Carrollton Avenue in New Orleans there was a young people's night which was great fun, comments Robert Crichlow. The evening's chief pastime was folk games conducted quite ably by Eddie Brock and Luther Booth. This same department's council met on March 1 to plan its next few months' program and this meeting proved to be a turning point upward for these young people. They already have half the money for an assembly delegate. Their pledge system has worked efficiently, due principally to Bob Carter's able work as treasurer.

Here comes the Lambuth Union news. It met February 14th at the Mangham church, with Wisner having the largest attendance. The Mangham young people put on an inspiring devotional. Plans to have a council meeting the next Monday night proved successful.

On January 8th over forty young people from Lake Charles and DeQuincy gathered in friendly fellowship for a splendid union meeting at Lake Charles. An inspiring devotional and good recreation made the meeting one that will be remembered. Now for something else from the Electric Spark—Nothing will tend to give an organization union life more than a worthwhile and lasting project—something of permanent value to the community. Sulphur's young people, awake to the value of this policy, have undertaken a splendid project in the form of landscaping their church lawn. May we pause here to present a few orchids to these Sulphur young people, whose president is Miss Esma John? They have a definite project which they work on each month, each officer sends in a monthly report, the publicity superintendent has an article or two in the local paper each week, accurate minutes of every meeting are kept and all the committees are actively functioning. Congrats, Sulphur. Keep it up.

The Live Wire Union met at DeQuincy with the North Methodist young people February 19. The count: Sulphur, 13; DeQuincy, 40; Lake Charles, 15. Total, 68. They enjoyed a splendid session of recreation and fellowship in the annex. The union plans to have a Good Friday sunrise prayer meeting at Vincent's Landing with breakfast. There is also the possibility of a District Rally at Lake Arthur in May. Thanks, Claudius Mayo, for all this info.

May we pay a final tribute to Vance McLean, a fine district director who resigned when he accepted a position in Oklahoma City? He was thorough in his work and was interested in having his plans work out to the finest detail. We are sorry to have lost Vance, but our loss is Oklahoma's gain. Best of luck to you, Vance. You deserve it. Now for his final report: His district camps are practically planned. Brothers Lueg and Spann are to teach classes, and Mrs. David Tarver is to be dean of the Intermediate Camp. Vance, after his last round of the unions, reported that all were faring nicely. He received 18 reports from the presidents in his district the past quarter.

By addressing your correspondence to Mrs. John S. Williams, Box 567, Winnsboro, La., you can reach the former Miss Juanita Funderburk. It happened on Mar. 6, at 7 p. m., at the Methodist parsonage in Wisner, with the Rev. R. M. Bentley officiating. Congratulations to you both.

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SAFETY SIGNALS

There is a tendency abroad in the Church today to decry or underestimate the value of oratory in the pulpit. To my mind this is unfortunate and really detrimental to the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom. For there is a power of convincement for the course advocated, in the voice and impassioned speech of a real orator found nowhere else. No calm, deliberate speech can take its place. The New Testament bears witness of the value of oratory. Stephen's sermon so aroused the opposition of the unbelieving legalistic Jews that they put him to an open and shameful death. Peter's plea for the Christ as the true Messiah brought about the conversion of thousands. Paul's speech before Agrippa, Acts, 26th chapter, must have been more than a mere **talkie.** For there is this in masterful defence, one of the greatest examples of real oratory found in all literature, sacred or secular. Jerome tells us that the two disciples, James and John, were named by the Master, Boanerges, sons of thunder, on account of their fiery eloquence.

Great thoughts need great men to express them. Erasmus was a great scholar, the most learned man of Europe in his day, but lacked real conviction. Luther had both scholarship and with undaunted courage and eloquence he won the victory for truth and righteousness. When a certain Greek spoke the crowd approved, but when Demosthenes spoke they said, "Let us march against Philip." And history records that he held the liberties of Athens, a sacred boon for his fellow citizens, for years against the wiles of the Macedonian tyrant. Prof. R. C. Jebb gives this beautiful estimate of real eloquence: "The modern world can never catch again the finer tones of that great music as they still echoed on the ear of Greece in her calm aftertime, but men can still hear the voice of a prophet whose resonant warnings are above confused sounds of strife. They can still feel the energy, the anguish, the indignation which vibrate through his accents." The radio bears on the wings of sound, songs from the great singers of our day, music from bands, operatic performances from conservatories, but to me nothing is more entrancing, more beautiful, more convincing than the resonant voice of one who has been given the rare gift of real oratory. And like the true poet he is born, not made, though study and training can add force to natural ability.

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BISHOP ARTHUR MOORE'S ENGAGEMENTS

In the last month of the Crusade Appeal, Bishop Arthur J. Moore is speaking day and night throughout the Church. He has announced the following speaking engagements:

March 30—Washington, D. C.
March 31—Louisville, Ky.
April 1—Lexington, Ky.
April 2—Charleston, West Va.
April 3 and 4—Nashville, Tenn.
April 6—Tyler, Texas.
April 8—Muskogee and Shawnee, Okla.
April 9—Chickasha and Ardmore, Okla.
April 13—Fort Worth, Texas.
April 14—St. Joseph, Mo.
April 15—Elmo and Smithville, Mo.
April 16—Moberly and Hannibal, Mo.
April 18—St. Louis, Mo.
April 19—Nashville, Tenn.
April 20—Jackson, Tenn.

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. W. D. Fulton, Route 3, Philadelphia, sends us an article for publication, and with it a word of cheer which helps us to carry on in our task.

Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs was the preacher for the pre-Easter services held at Galloway Memorial Church, Jackson, last week. Dr. J. Lloyd Decell is the pastor of the church.

The editor acknowledges his indebtedness to Rev. R. L. Walton, of Poplar Springs, Meridian, for his thoughtful word of commendation. The message relates to the editor and is personal, but we feel that we must acknowledge the fine spirit of loyalty and appreciation.

Brother W. C. Fulgham, who has been serving as Director of Religious Education and office secretary at First Church, Gulfport, is now with Avondale Park Church, Birmingham, where he has charge of the educational work. His friends in Mississippi will note his new connection and address.

Rev. O. S. Lewis, pastor at East End, Meridian ,is conducting a series of "Home-Coming" servcies preceding the service of dedication for his church on April 4. Former pastors, J. L. Neill, A. M. Broadfoot, Elmer C. Gunn, J. L. Sells, and W. H. Lewis will preach each evening during the week. On April 4, the dedication sermon will be preached by Dr. T. D. Ellis of the Board of Church Extension, and Dr. Foster K. Gramble, editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate will preach at night.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Brookhaven District Conference will convene at Crystal Springs, Miss., April 13, 9 a. m. There will be a preaching service Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, with Rev. E. L. Ledbetter the preacher.

Tuesday at eleven, Rev. J. L. Neill will speak on the Bishops' Crusade.

Tuesday evening, at 7:30, sermon by Rev. L. L. Roberts, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Wednesday, at 11, sermon by Rev. Ira E. Williams.

The following committees are announced: License to Preach—A. M. Broadfoot, J. M. Lewis and L. L. Roberts. Orders, Admission and Readmission—C. W. Crisler, I. E. Williams and J. B. Holyfield.

Brethren, let me have list of your delegates not later than Tuesday, April 6; this is important.

R. H. CLEGG, P. E.

EASTER AND CAPITOL STREET CHURCH

Easter was a great day at Capitol Street Church. Colorful pansies lined the altars and beautiful Easter lilies near the pulpit. The church was packed to capacity. Parents dedicated their children in baptism.

A great offering enabled the church to pay in full the benevolences asked of the church, $3806 for General Conference Work and $105 for District Work. The church has also raised a thousand dollars for retirement of long standing debt on the parsonage, and since Conference has contributed nearly a thousand dollars to the Methodist Orphanage.

There have been accessions on profession of faith for several Sundays consecutively as well as by certificate. Seventy- four have united during the past two months.

There are many evidences of spiritual life in Capitol Street Church.

B. M. HUNT, Pastor.

MEETING OF THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORS AT EMORY

By L. H. Snyder, Jr.

Problems facing the present day theological seminaries were discussed at a meeting of the Southwestern Section of the American Association of Theological Schools, were held at Emory University on March 29. Twenty-five representatives of fourteen schools were the guests of Emory during the morning sessions on the campus, and at a luncheon and afternoon session at the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta. In charge of the meeting was Dr. Charles Lynn Pyatt, of the College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky. Composing the program committee were Dr. Frank H. Caldwell and Dr. Lewis J. Sherrill, of the Louisville (Ky.) Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Dr. W. L. Carver, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Attending the conference were Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Dean, Howard University School of Religion, Washington, D. C.; Dr. James McDowell Richards, President, and Dr. Patrick H. Carmichael, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.; Dr. Willis J. King, and Dr. Frank W. Clelland, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Henry C. Morrison, President, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.; Dr. Frank H. Caldwell, and Dr. Lewis J. Sherrill, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. W. O. Carver, and Dr. John K. Sampey, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky; Dr. Elbert Russell, Duke University School of Religion, Durham N. C.; Dr. Jas. A. McAllister, The Evangelical Seminary of Porto Rico, Rio Piedras, P. R.; Dr. Chas. A. Freed, President, and Dr. John B. Moose, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.; Dr. T. F. Gailor and Dr. Chas. Luke Wells, Theological School of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.; Dr. Umphrey Lee, and Dr. Wm. Allen Harper, Vanderbilt University School of Religion, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Wallace E. Rollins, Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va.; Dr. E. R. Lacy, Jr., President, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Arthur Braden, President, and Dr. Chas. Lynn Pratt, the College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky.; Dr. Franklin N. Parker, Dr. Lavens M. Thomas, II, and Dr. H. B. Trimble, Candler School of Religion, Emory University, Ga.

GET BACK ON BOARD

First surely we are minded and give all honor and glory to Jesus, our Strength and Leader. Only use human terms in transit.

Get on board. A few got on with John Wesley in the small train; first stop, Salvation. At this point awaited and boarded more passengers to add to the happy company, and so on up the line, finding eager and anxious waiting passengers until the train had added many coaches well filled, pulled by the great engine of success over the mountain-top where the exhilarating and purifying air floated its zephyr breezes through every isle, filling the lives of all of the obedient, happy passengers with surety of safe deliverance at their destination. Then the junctions, where were met other trains to Pleasureville, coaches painted in all of the alluring colors of deceit, bound for Cardville, Drinkdom, Dance Valley, Sunday Revel, Moneyall, Swim Pool, Nudeton, Movie Dazzle, Divorce Scandal, Popularity Dump, and many other stations Mr. Wesley did not have on his route.

Why ride this restricted train? We are liberal and can have plenty room for freedom at these stations, and come at will and catch the Wesley train and enjoy its wholesome atmosphere. I see no harm in these stops. We can come teach Sunday School and attend services when the elder comes, IF good weather, good cars, fine raiment, and dazzling jewels will give us plenty prestige, we won't need any other power. Our pastor gets his pay; we don't hear him call out Danger Station on these other lines. And so at each junction one by one they told their companion, "Hold my seat; I'll need it occasionally."

Mr. Wesley arose from the restful berth in his sleeper of Success to call out with pleasure the great station of JOY; and, lo! but few noddy heads in the day coaches, and several sound asleep in the sleepers. And but few for the station of JOY responded.

Let's get back on board, that we may arrive safely and enter the union depot, where Jesus is anxiously waiting.

LAYMAN J.

THE SOCIAL GOSPEL AND THE ABDICATION OF THE CHURCH

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isms of some revolting political group.

"The common social ideal of the West includes the establishment of liberty, fraternity, justice and peace. Every revolting movement in the past, as well as in the present, has fought in the name of this ideal and sought to establish it. With the ideal Christianity has profound sympathy, for Christianity taught it first of all to the Western world. But every political and social revolt is based on the belief that the ideal can be established through the exercise of power by a group or persons, be it the feudal group, the monarch, the middle class, or the proletariat.

"In so far as a new revolt attacks the philosophy and structure of power politics and self-righteousness, Christianity cannot but sympathize with it. But in so far as it is in itself a new form of philosophy, Christianity must reject it, or at least refuse to be identified with it. On the other hand, if the Church has lost its faith in the power of a divine spiritual revolution, and has no strategy of its own for participation in that revolution, it will need to commit itself to some of these revolutionary proposals. But in such a case it ceases to have any true existence as a Church. . . .

"If the church has no other plan of salvation to offer to men than one of deliverance by force, education, idealism, or planned economy, it really has no existence as a Church, and needs to resolve itself into a political party or a school of philosophy. But the Church knows of a plan of salvation which is not of its own devising. When the memory of Jesus Christ, the crucified, comes fully alive it will not come as a traditional formula, but as the recollection of the most decisive fact in the present life of men."

If the church is to rely upon some sort of outside organization, or legislative reenforcement, it abdicates its own mission, and really declares that its life is not really indispensable to mankind.

A secular daily agrees with Dr. Neibuhr and speaks in this wise:

"Some day the strategists of churchianity are going to wake up to the fact that the social gospel, which eternally hammers at getting Government to do this and enforce that and pass still something else, is actually making the church more and more non-essential. Why should a man join a church to carry out the social gospel when he can get direct action by joining the Democratic party? Or, if he doesn't care for the new deal, he can make it the Socialist party or the Communist party. When churchmen perceive that the social gospel is founded on law, and therefore on force and outward conformity, whereas Christianity is founded upon love and inward awareness towards God, they will proceed differently. The church will once more become unique in its ability to complete the personality of soul-hungry men and women and unique in its power to energize them with zeal to aid their fellows, not because they must, but because they wish."

The supreme mission of the church is to seek and to save souls. So Jesus declared, and to that mission He devoted Himself. He never called upon any political force to carry on His work of redemption, but declared most emphatically "My kingdom is not of this world."

In so far as what is called the "social gospel" has found a place in any community, or in our country, it has minified the work of saving souls and depreciated the redemption of individual souls. It proposes a sort of mass salvation, and in so far as this proposal is accepted the Church abdicates its highest and holiest functions.

Men who narrow their gospel to the rectifying of social systems, and turn it away from the salvation of souls, become hobbyists. They wish to emphasize some one matter and forget the wide scope of Christianity as salvation for all souls.

They really depreciate the value of a human soul as such and overestimate the importance of a full and complete redemption of all souls.

One of the distressing things of our times is the increasing number of clerical hobbyists who forget the supreme work of the ministry and turn themselves into superficial reformers of external conditions.

Along with the evils discussed, there is one most conspicuous departure from the method of Jesus. He made much of little children and said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

But the advocates of the "social gospel" are concerned with the saving of adults through social conditions, and pay no attention to the salvation of children, which salvation, if accomplished more generally, would save the necessity of so much effort for the saving of adults by magnifying the redemption of the human souls.

Our world is always a young world, and if the children are not saved, the adults will grow more and more godless and the reformers will depart further and further from the emphatic Christianity of Christ in which the salvation of children occupies the chief place.

The temperance reform is a great movement, but, great as it is, the saving of the youth in childhood outranks the cause of temperance by legislation or by any other process whatsoever.

If scarcity of an article makes it valuable, the old fashioned heartfelt religion is the most valuable thing on earth.—Exchange.

"STILL AHEAD"

Dear Dr. Duren: Kindly allow me, through the columns of the important New Orleans Advocate, to say that "Alabama is still ahead" by a reputable majority of votes against "prohibition repeal."

A number of counties at the recent election went for the "state store plan. The city of Attalla voted "dry." The larger city of Gadsden, however, in the same county, voted distinctly "wet." As a consequence, the "state store" may be possible in Attalla, entering, of course, by an overflow of neighboring votes, and not by special invitation.

Numerous and honorable people have no doubt supported the "state store" plan from conviction of what looked to be best, and it is reported that "good order" will be observed.

We have no very good way to "revise" the Book of Inspiration and to change the reading which affirms that "Wine is a mocker" and that "Strong drink is raging."

More or less of intoxicants appear to "leak out" under regulations of whatever kind. The county, however, "sobered up" tremendously as a result of prohibition restrictions.

Heaven is possible, and "all things are for your sakes," says the word of life, but the riches so measureless may not be secured unless well defined conditions are met. So also great civilizations do not "spring up" if proper restraints and rigid prohibitions are recklessly "repealed."

A. H. WILLIAMS.

Attalla, Ala.

HOW TO BE AGREEABLE

Here are a few daily rules, going the rounds of the press that are intended to make the world more livable and "abundant."

Do not contradict anyone even if certain you are in the right.

Never be inquisitive about the affairs of another.

Do not discount what others have.

Do not believe evil of others.

Never repeat gossip, even if it is interesting.

Do not make light of others' religion.

Learn to conceal your troubles, aches and pains under the cover of a smile.

Give attention to your business but never to another's business. Try always to be a real gentleman or lady, one who courteously considers others.

It is a fine thing to have the right tool for one's task. But if you have not the perfect tool, use the tool that you have. Better to be carving with love and a jackknife than waiting discontentedly for a sculptor's chisel.—Anon.

North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

REV. W. J. WOOD

News reached us a few days ago of the death of Rev. W. J. Wood, pastor of Southside church, Corinth, early on Wednesday morning, March 24. He suffered a stroke on the Thursday before, and he declined constantly until the end. The funeral services from Southside church were in charge of Rev. J. D. Wroten, the presiding elder, assisted by Rev. E. H. Cunningham and Rev. W. P. Bailey. Interment was at Jernigan cemetery west of Pontotoc with Rev. W. R. Lott in charge.

The people of Lula, under the leadership of Rev. W. T. Phillips, have put a new roof on their church.

Rev. L. M. James, pastor at Myrtle, is out for victory in his Advocate campaign. He is well on the way and expects to achieve full success.

Rev. J. S. Maxey, the enterprising pastor at Noxapater, has added much to the worship of his church by placing the New Methodist Hymnal for the use of his people.

Rev. B. F. Bullard, pastor, began his revival at Shuqualak on Easter Sunday. He is doing his own preaching and Rev. Mathis Armstrong of Mooreville leads the singing.

Louisville circuit, Rev. W. S. McAlilly, pastor, has just completed a new parsonage located in Louisville. The building is a credit to the charge and a joy to its occupants.

Rev. S .B. Potts, pastor at Duck Hill, is much encouraged over the outlook for his work. Good congregations wait on his ministry, and there is evidence of a deep spiritual hunger.

The Columbus District Ministerial Association will meet at Crawford on April 13, with Rev. W. M. Hester as pastor-host, and Rev. G. C. Gregory the preacher for the occasion.

Rev. C. L. Oakes, serving his fifth year at Gunnison, is getting a new roof for the parsonage so that it will be in good condition for the new preacher next year, so says the reporter.

The contract was let for a new church at Artesia recently. It will be recalled that the church burned upon the morning set for its dedication. Rev. W. R. Crouch is the pastor.

Rev. W. C. Galceran, Jr., has with him in a meeting Rev. Ralph E. Johnson who is drawing large crowds and creating much interest. The meeting is scheduled to close on March 31.

We have a much appreciated note from our good friend of days gone by, Mr. F. S. Jackson of Brooksville. Among other things he says that the Advocate is a welcome visitor in his home.

Rev. C. A. Northington sends a list of Advocate subscriptions from Verona. These subscriptions are credited to Sister J. W. Bell who, with her husband, Rev. J. W. Bell, makes her superannuate home there.

Rev. N. N. Maxey, Chalybeate charge, sends us a list of three subscriptions, and among them we note the name of F. E. Ray, of Walnut, who has long done yeoman's service for Methodism in that section.

The Greenville District Conference is scheduled to meet at Boyle on May 18-19. We appreciate the invitation of Dr. Countiss to be present, but we are not able to make plans for the District Conferences as yet.

Rev. W. R. Crouch was the preacher at Nebo church, on the Chester charge, at the second quarterly conference recently. At the conference it was decided to increase the assessment for pastor's salary by $240.

Special Good Friday and Easter services were conducted at Durant where Rev. E. S. Lewis is the pastor. The speakers were neighboring pastors who also assisted in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

We acknowledge the invitation of our good friend, Rev. J. D. Wroten, to be present at his district conference which meets at Corinth, First Church, May 20, 21. The District Preachers' Meeting will be held at Booneville, April 6, at 10 a. m.

The young people of West Point gave a splendid devotional program for the organization meeting of the Intermediate-Senior Union of that group. The next meeting will be held in Starkville on the afternoon of the third Sunday in April.

A Training School was in progress at Kosciusko last week. Rev. Roy A. Grisham and Mrs. C. A. Parks, Conference Director of Children's Work, were the teachers. The subjects taught were "Worship" and a course in Children's Work.

Rev. Roy A. Grisham, Conference Executive Secretary of Education, was the teacher of a Training Class at Mathiston recently. Thirty-seven were enrolled and there were eighteen credits issued at the end of the period. Rev. E. L. Jernigan is the pastor.

Rev. T. B. Thrower, the pastor, reports that the church at Drew has ordered New Hymnals, and that they are expecting the singing, already good, to show improvement. An enterprising church and an enterprising pastor make a splendid combination.

Mrs. L. E. Barrentine, who now lives at Little Rock, Ark., is still devoted to Mississippi, her former home, and to the Advocate which she has read so long and with such joy. On March 5, her brother, Frank Moore, passed away at Carrollton, Miss. He was in his seventieth year.

Rev. John W. Robertson is having a great year for the completion of his quadrennium at Macon. In addition to the installation of a beautiful Kilgen organ, the gift of Judge H. Dent Minor, the entire program of the church is being carried with great smoothness and success.

Dr. V. C. Curtis reports progress and an increase over the record of last year in his work at Aberdeen. Salaries are paid to date, a remittance has been made on the Benevolences and fifteen members have been added since Conference. His is a church with a great victory and a worthy constituency.

Rev. Melville Johnson is giving able leadership to the Methodists at Starkville. The sum of eleven thousand dollars has been paid on the church debt in the past two years, and the balance of the indebtedness has been refinanced. All obligations of principal and interest are being met as they become due.

Under the caption, "Still Ahead," Rev. A. H. Williams, of Attalla, Ala., sends us an interpretation of the recent liquor election in Alabama which we gladly use. We do not forget Brother Williams' abiding interest in the Christian Advocate and his generous words of appreciation and approval.

Rev. R. G. Moore, of Leland, is bringing a quadrennium of service to a great climax. During his pastorate of that church, he has added 165 to the membership, has paid $8,000 on the indebtedness of the church, and will hold the dedication service on the evening of April 4, with Bishop Dobbs as the preacher for the occasion.

An item of interest to many in the North Mississippi Conference was reported in the Southwestern (Texas) Christian Advocate last week. It was that Dr. Hal T. Cunningham, formerly of Mississippi, is critically ill at the home of his son, Hal Cunningham, Jr., at West Columbia, Texas. He is a brother of the late and greatly beloved J. E. Cunningham.

Rev. R. G. Lord has the work well in hand at Tunica. The treasurer, Mr. J. W. Thompson, one of the most faithful laymen in the Conference, has already sent the Conference treasurer $300 on benevolences, which is about half the total accepted. The efficient chairman of the board of stewards, Mr. M. G. Burrow, with his helpers, has made full provision for the annual budget and the pastor receives his salary monthly.

Rev. R. P. Neblett is making good progress at Brooksville. Brother and Sister Neblett are to be congratulated on the fine record which their sons have made in college. George R. Neblett was honored recently by being chosen for a place in the 1937 Hall of Fame at the University of Mississippi. He is maintaining the reputation of the family in winning honors and we rejoice with his parents in the honors bestowed upon their children.

Rev. R. S. Lawson, 1900 Grant Street, Denver, Colo., is a superannuate member of the North Mississippi Conference. He is also a good friend of the editor and of the Advocate. We have a recent letter from him which pays such compliment to our work that we do not dare to publish it, lest it call forth less complimentary comparisons. We appreciate Brother Lawson and his good opinion, and we are happy to know that he is in such evident good health and spirits.

NEWS FROM TUTWILER CHARGE

Almost every minister has his hobby among many phases of church work, and although I like all of my job, I am especially interested in the missionary enterprise of our great Church. I am using the expression "great Church" with renewed force, for I have just finished reading "Out of My Mail," by Dan A. Poling, page 4, March issue of the Christian Herald. And that reminds me, did you hear Dr. Poling Wednesday, Jan. 6, in New Orleans? My, what a speech! But all of the speeches at that meeting were good, of course. Some of us country preachers like "um" better when they don't read "um," and yet we are told that Henry Ward Beecher read his sermons.

The Lord bless all of them. Our bishops and their assistants have done the church a great service in providing the Bishops' Crusade, for that furnished the occasion for the great speeches and the many good articles which have followed concerning it.

All of our ministers could not go to either New Orleans in January, or to Jackson in February. But both ministers and Laymen have had the opportunity of reading our church papers.

Our church literature is most excellent, and that minister has done a great work who gets his people to read it. In this connection I would speak of our mission study book, "By the Waters of Bethesda." It's a great book. We "put it on" at our church last Sunday, assigning the six chapters to one person each. Three chapters were presented at the 11 o'clock hour and three at the evening hour. Our people enjoyed the service very much.

Of the many ways we have tried to get missionary information to the minds of our people, this method seems to be the most successful.

But church work here at Tutwiler is easy on a minister, for our people are very responsive to worthy calls. For the past six months we have had an average of 45 in attendance at the mid-week prayer services. Church attendance is also good—in fact, our people are a church-going people; so it's no wonder in its being a delight to serve them as their minister.

We are making plans to begin a revival meeting the fourth Sunday in April. We have engaged Rev. M. H. McCormack to preach for us during the meeting, and George York to lead the singing.

Will you join us in prayer that the Lord will revive us again?

R. T. HOLLINGSWORTH.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the trustees of this church have just passed a resolution accepting the gift of a pipe organ from H. Dent Minor, of Memphis, a former member of this church, reference being now made to the minutes of the meeting of the said Trustees at which said resolution was passed for the details of same, and in that resolution the said trustees accepted the conditions outlined by Mr. Minor.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Macon, Miss., in regular meeting assembled on this the 14th day of March A.D., 1937, that we approve the resolution adopted by the said Trustees and agree that the church shall be bound by the conditions therein set forth.

As a further assurance of the binding force of this resolution, this paper is also signed by the pastor of said church and by the presiding elder of the circuit to indicate their approval.

Resolved, further, that an authenticated copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Minor at Memphis, Tenn.

W. M. LAMBERSON,
ED. F. HARDIN,
C. D. FEATHERSTON,
J. F. AMES,
R. L. RHYMES,
Trustees.

Approved:
JNO. W. ROBERTSON, Pastor;
L. P. WASSON, Presiding Elder.

M. T. PEW SPEAKING

Hello, Folks: I must speak again. I am so full of hope that my "veneer" is almost splitting with joy. Next Sunday is Easter and I am sure to be needed. We pews will all be full next Sunday. No doubt they will have to bring in chairs and set them beside us. Chairs, some straight and prim with squeaky cane bottom, others rattling, collapsible and unsteady, that give that sudden "thump" when first sat upon. I most laughed out loud last Easter when a large obese lady rustled in late and trusted herself to one of these uncertain chairs and it suddenly gave signs of utter collapse. But it finally received the load in silence. I wanted to tell the good lady that if she would come to church on other Sundays she could have a good sturdy, comfortable seat.

The good pastor will be very happy next Sunday. He will have a full house. I wonder if he has considered why some of them have come? He should wish many of them a "Merry Christmas," for he likely will not see them again until next Easter. But it will do his soul good to preach to one full house. He might even boast about the crowd and even drop a line to the Advocate about preaching to crowded houses. Poor fellow! I don't blame him one bit. One always feels much better after a full meal.

From the way some people behave on Easter one might conclude that Jesus is alive only once a year, Easter. But there is something about our church that makes me know that He is here every Sunday, a living Christ for a living soul, with power to make alive even those who may be dead.

I trust that after Easter I shall not have to continue to be,

M. T. PEW.

RESURRECTION

By E. P. Craddock

Early the third day came Mary Magdalene,
A heaving heart her bosom bore;
The sun was rising beyond the eastern sky.
She came to anoint His body once more.

The ground was wet with dew, her eyes with tears,
Sighs from her heart—she could not refrain
From speaking to the gardener—her fears.
Oh! Sir, where have you laid Him again?

Her mission was one of deep sorrow and woe.
Her hands bore the ointment for the dead
Body of the Master whom she loved so dear.
"Thy sins are all forgiven," He once said.

There came a voice saying, He's not here.
The tomb is unbarred, look up and see
Jesus the Christ, to you He's so near,
Hear ye Him, as He speaks to thee.

Mary, Mary, came that voice so sweet and clear;
Go tell my beloved brethren in all Judea.
The gates of death were closed in vain.
He lives, He's risen, He's alive again!

Vain the watch, the guard, the stone, the seal;
Jesus the Christ hast burst them all!
The Resurrection morn, at the early dawn,
Came redemption from Eden's fall.

Christian Education

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, APRIL 4

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

GOD THE CREATOR

The beginning. "In the beginning God." Could man conceive nobler words for the opening sentence of the world's greatest Book? Grant the truth of that statement, and one need not worry about anything geology or astronomy or biology may say about the long and slow process by which the cosmos has come to its present form or life to its present character. Had Moses been able to give the people of his day a scientific statement of natural phenomena, his writing would have been tossed in the ashheap as without meaning or worth, just as have most of our own scientific texts of even a quarter of a century ago. We may well thank God that the Bible is not a treatise on science nor even a record of mere historical annals. It is the story of God's dealings with men, his "message to the human soul." It has instruction suited to all classes, from kindergarten to university; it is a library for all grades.

Creation. In swift but orderly fashion the author sketches creation from chaos to man. When all that natural science attempts to explore has been brought into existence, what is it worth? What does it mean? There are strong animals, but none to tame them. Jungle gardens, but none to tend them. Minerals and metals, gases and solids, woods and fibres, but none to mold or fashion them to shape and use. To stop there is to leave a toy world and none to play with it, a world of raw material useless and meaningless to the animal creation, not to mention the treasure of truth in flower and dewdrop, in earth and sea and sky which there was no eye to see nor mind to perceive. It was all but so much junk till God made man.

Moral Values. Had creation closed with animal life, there would not only have been no creature able to say, "I know," but there would have been none to say, "I ought." That some higher end was in view from the first seems to be plainly indicated by the laws, resources, and truths everywhere evident in the material world. All is made clear when God makes man in his image, that is capable of thinking, feeling, obeying, worshiping, of understanding and controlling the material and shaping it to the use and glory of the Creator. Such is the creature, man, made but a little lower than angels, and given the freedom and mastery of a sphere, his mind so attuned with God's that he can distinguish right and wrong and follow the laws of God not only in perfecting wonderful and useful inventions, but in the development of his own character and spiritual life.

A friendly God. The religion of the Bible is not a religion of fear. God speaks to the man he has made and apprises him of his kinship and of his dominion over all created things. His position is one of honor and trust, and his clear duty is to love, to trust, to honor, and to obey the God who has placed a world in his keeping. Every human advance testifies that the universe is friendly. That there are difficulties to be overcome, obstacles to be surmounted, work to be done agrees with sound reason and correct pedagogy, else all good parents and teachers have taken the wrong methods with children and pupils. God himself is a worker, and his materials are often stubbornly refractory, none so much as his human material. God is our Friend as well as our Creator, and the purpose of the Bible is to declare unto man his love and goodness through Jesus Christ.

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NOTICE, BOYS AND GIRLS

We want to run a series of letters on "My Favorite Bible Story." We want letters of about two hundred and fifty words or less telling us what your favorite Bible story is and why you like it. Just tell us in your own way about your interest in any particular incident and we will gladly publish all the letters that our space will permit. Be sure and do not write too long a letter, and tell us right out of your heart why you love the story.—Editor.

MAN AND THE HORSE

The eye for a horse, the love for a horse, is as old as man himself and is a part of the inheritance with which multitudes are born. There are those who take as naturally to a horse as to their mother's milk. They have no remembrance of the day when to be with a horse, to smooth his glossy neck, to ride him and drive him was not one of the rarest pleasures of life. It would be no hardship for such men to live for days alone with an intelligent horse, gentle, responsive to its owner's will. It is because of this love for the horse, a part of the very nature of so many men, that the horse persists, and always will persist, no matter how many means of transportation may be invented which seem to threaten his future.

To multitudes of others, however, the horse is only a means to an end. They feel toward him as a man might feel toward an engine or an automobile. As long as he delivers them or their goods at the goal desired he fulfills his function. Love for him, craving for his companionship and confidence, the joy of dealing with him in justice and kindness—these are things they never know, any more than the man with no ear for music knows the delight he experiences who listens to a Beethoven Sonata.

What form of life lower than our own has served humanity as the horse has served it? He has played bravely his part on a thousand fields of battle, facing war's appalling horror, and moved to his task by no hope of its glory. He has helped build the world's greatest cities, their temples, their palaces, their libraries, their universities. He has made possible a million harvests. He has toiled on the railways of the nations. He has been a partner in the rearing of our homes. He has been our swift messenger in joy and sorrow. He has carried us through many happy hours of recreation. He has stood ready to die in our service when we have asked it.

Well may have the great Homer have sung of the horses famous at the siege of Troy! Well may Alexander have founded a city in honor of the charger which bore him safely from the perilous field! Well may Cimon have reared beside his own an enduring monument for the fleet-footed mares which won him the chariot races at the Olympian games! Well may nations, as Japan has done, build monuments to the memory of the horses which have fallen in their wars!
—Our Dumb Animals.

A DELICATE SUBJECT

Not long ago a mother noticed that a handle had been broken from a prized vase. She called her little hopeful and said to him: "Arthur, did you break this vase?"

"Little Arthur surveyed his mother for a moment and then rose to the occasion with, "Well, mummie, that thing was awful delicate."

THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM

A lady was walking down the street when she saw a big boy pummeling a little fellow. She stopped and said to the big boy: "Aren't you ashamed to pick on such a little fellow?"

There was a temporary armistice in which the little fellow said: "Aw, lady, leave us alone. It ain't the lengthiness that counts, it's the strengthiness."

SMILE ONCE MORE

A distinguished professor of a noted university was delivering an address before a group of business men. At its conclusion a manufacturer joined issue with him.

"Natural science is of no benefit to me," he insisted.

"What is your business?" inquired the professor.

"I manufacture suspenders," was the reply.

"And where would your business be," was the next question, "if the law of gravity was suspended?"—Montreal Daily Herald.

IT WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM

It was the practice of a father to wash his little son's mouth with octagon soap when he found that the boy had told a story. The ordeal was anything but pleasant for the little fellow.

One day he heard his mother singing, "I love to tell the story."

Beverly, having a vivid recollection of his own punishment, said: "What! And get your mouth washed out with octagon soap?"

A CHILD'S REASONING

A little fellow four years old moved from the city to the country. One day he was caught in a blizzard. Later he was standing by the window when the trees were swaying back and forth in a bitter wind and a pelting rain. The little fellow said: "Mother, why don't God make the trees come in out of the rain?"

"This town is so unsociable; I have lived here six months and had no callers."

"My dear, you straighten your house and dress too early in the day. Just try leaving morning papers about, leaving your nose unpowdered, and wearing an old house dress and stockings with runs!"
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Methodist Women

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

The Methodist women of North Mississippi will hold their twenty-fifth annual Conference in the Methodist Church of Aberdeen, April 6-9. The meeting will draw more than two hundred representatives of the two hundred and two W. M. S. organizations in North Mississippi.

The sessions will be presided over by Mrs. H. L. Talbert, of Clarksdale, with Mrs. G. C. Jones as secretary.

Other prominent workers in the state whose reports will form a large part of the proceedings are Mrs. R. P. Neblett, Brooksville, corresponding secretary; Mrs. D. H. Hall, New Albany, treasurer; Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, Sherard, vice-president and chairman of World Outlook; Mrs. G. A. Brown, Grace, Spiritual Life Groups; Miss Myrta Davis, Cleveland, Rural Development.

On Tuesday afternoon the District secretaries and zone leaders, under the direction of Mrs. Neblett, will give reports of their year's work. Mrs. W. A. Newell, the Council representative, will bring the Council message.

On Tuesday evening Bishop Dobbs will speak on the "Bishops' Crusade." At eleven-thirty on both Wednesday and Thursday morning, Bishop Dobbs will conduct the Quiet Hour. On Wednesday afternoon, Dr. A. S. Raper, Bishop Dobbs, Mrs. Newell and Mrs. Neblett will present the various phases of the Christian Social Relations department of the Woman's Missionary Society work. The Wednesday evening hour will be a message from Mrs. W. A. Newell. Connectional work will be the topic of the Thursday evening program. Featuring this hour will be Rev. J. E. Stephens, Rev. Roy A. Grisham and Mrs. C. A. Parks.

The sessions will close Friday at noon.

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MISSIONARIES NEEDED

By Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon,
Secretary of Foreign Work

The impression seems to be abroad in the church that missionaries are not being sent to the fields, and that young people are not now needed for foreign service. From my experience as a missionary and as secretary of foreign work of the Board of Missions, I am convinced that the greatest present need of the mission work of our church is for missionaries able to meet the opportunities and demands of service abroad today and tomorrow. For several years there has been in the Woman's Section of the Board an inadequate number of qualified candidates. In consequence, our institutions are under-staffed, our missionaries overworked and new opportunities of service constantly being refused because the missionaries are too few in number to carry their share of the already established work in which they are co-operating with national Christians.

In a recent article in The World Outlook, my colleague, Dr. A. W. Wasson, wrote that the missionary dollar has greater lifting power today than it has ever had in the history of the mission work of our church because to it are added the dollars of the national churches and the experience of years of mission work. This is equally true of the missionary life. The missionary of today works in co-operation with and often under the leadership of national Christians whose insight into the ways of their fellow nationals and the ways of Western Christians makes possible for the missionary a service more fruitful than was conceivable in the old days, when the missionary worked alone or in lonely positions of leadership. The Christian fellowship of the missionary and national strengthens incalculably the contribution of each. In this fellowship they are working courageously and confidently in the midst of world conditions which place on the younger churches terrific problems. With a united voice they plead continually for reinforcements in missionary personnel.

The requirements for missionary service are of the highest; the minimum academic requirement is a degree from an accredited college or university and graduate study in subjects necessary for effective missionary service. At least one year of successful work experience should be secured in this country before attempting to work abroad. Vigorous health with good health habits and emotional stability are essential. Ability to cooperate and to live graciously with other people of one's own and other races is necessary. Above all, the missionary must have a faith in God and in His love for her and for every individual which will enable her to lose herself in making Him known in His world and in bringing others into the way of fellowship with Him.

The forms of service may change in the lifetime of a missionary, but for the able person who so shares with Jesus the longing for the Kingdom of God that she is willing to give her life for its coming, the mission field offers increasingly satisfying and meaningful service.

The specific needs today for women workers in the Foreign Department of our Board of Missions are:

1. Social-evangelistic workers, both rural and urban.

2. Teachers—(a) English, (b) Music, (c) Home Economics (d) Physical Education, (e) Religious Education, (f) Education, including kindergarten training; (g) In Africa, teachers of elementary subjects.

3. Doctors—(a) For hospital practice, (b) For teaching in medical school.

4. Nurses. While an academic degree is desirable for nurses, candidates are accepted who have completed two years of standard college work and who have graduated from an accredited school of nurse training.

The above statement is written from the standpoint of the demand for foreign missionaries. There is a great need also for qualified workers in the home field.

Pastors and other Christians can render a vital service by introducing the ablest young women of their acquaintance to the need and opportunities for missionaries in the building of a world-wide Christian fellowship.

Mrs. J. W. Downs is chairman of the Committee on Candidate Work of the Woman's Missionary Council, and inquiries addressed to her at the Doctors' Building, Nashville Tenn., will receive careful consideration.

In Memoriam

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

The official Board of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport, La., in regular session on March 10, 1937, instructed that a committee composed of Randel T. Moore, Judge B. F. Roberts and W. A. McKennon be appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Mrs. A. W. Baird.

This Committee, therefore, presents the following:

Whereas, in the passing of Mrs. A. W. Baird, on February 22, 1937, this church has lost one of the outstanding saints of this generation, and

Whereas, the life and influence of Mrs. Baird upon the membership of our church and upon the city in which she lived was too great to be recorded in any feeble attempt by us, and her life, aside from her family duties, was given completely to her church through all of its organizations, and for years she served as president of the Woman's Missionary Society and gave to it her Christian optimism and enthusiasm until today it ranks as one of the outstanding Societies of the Southern Methodist Church, and

Whereas, Mrs. Baird and her beloved husband organized the Baird Sunday School class many years ago and gave to the class for over a quarter of a century their leadership, and this adult class was No. 1 in registration with the General Sunday School Board, where thousands upon thousands of men and women through the years have felt the influence of Mrs. Baird's Christian character through this class, and for many years the Sunday School drew largely upon the Baird class for teachers and departmental superintendents, and even now it is one of the large and influential adult classes of the Church School; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Stewards, in recognition of the life and influence of Mrs. A. W. Baird, now stand in silent prayer of thanks to Almighty God and pray to Him that through her life there may be added others to take up the work where she laid it down.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of our meeting and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

R. T. MOORE,
B. F. ROBERTS,
W. A. McKENNON.

MARY JEAN DENHAM

Little Mary Jean Denham, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Denham, was killed in an automobile accident on February 19, 1937, while riding in the car of a very dear friend of the family. The accident was unavoidable. Little Mary Jean, at the time of her death, was 6 years old.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church with the pastor in charge, assisted by Rev. Charles G. Bruce, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Rev. J. H. Hamilton, pastor of the Baptist church, and Rev. Jim Sinsentaffer, pastor of the Methodist church at Jonesville. Interment was in the cemetery at Sicily Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Denham, the parents of little Mary Jean, are faithful members of the Methodist Church, and have a host of friends, who mourn with them in the tragic death of their little daughter. Friends and relatives not only came from far and near to fill the church to overflowing capacity, but the floral offering completely covered the chancel, and was as beautiful as the life and character of the little one in whose honor they were given.

Little Mary Jean was a child of exceptional qualities for her six years. She was obedient, kind-hearted, and devoted to her parents and to her surviving brother and sister. She rarely missed Sunday School and church, and manifested such an interest in class that her teacher often remarked how wonderful Mary Jean was in Sunday School. All who knew her loved her and admired her sweet disposition. As Edgar A. Guest expressed in one of his beautiful poems, we can understand why God would take one of earth's precious jewels. Heaven would be indeed a lonely place without some sweet lovely children to brighten it and give it a homely atmosphere. Little Mary Jean has made heaven more attractive to all who knew her.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL

The executive committee of the Educational Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session at Nashville, Tenn., fixed December 9-15 as the date for the 1937 annual meeting of that body and decided upon Nashville as the locale. The committee formulated a tentative program and selected "The New Approach to Christian Education in Southern Methodism" as the general theme.

The Educational Council is one of the largest organized groups in the Methodist connection, its membership being conservatively estimated at 400 leaders from every section of the church's territory. The Council is composed of two sections, each officered and sponsoring its own special programs, namely, the Local Church section and the College section. These two bodies, in addition to separate meetings, will hold joint sessions. The entire educational system of the church is embraced in the organization, including a church-wide system of 53 institutions of learning, a system of religious education fostered by 17,000 local church congregations and the denomination's church school and young people's publications. These lines of work will be reviewed at the forthcoming session.

More than usual significance, it is thought, attaches to the approaching session in Nashville, since the meeting will close a Methodist quadrennium, and, in view of probable approaching Methodist union, will mark a new era in Methodism.

Dr. G. E. Clary, of Macon, Ga., and Dr. W. P. Few, president of Duke University, respective presidents of the local church and college sections, and the following members of the executive committee were present at the meeting here to plan for the annual session: Rev. R. Ira Barnett, Lakeland, Fla.; C. T. Terrell, Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Faye McRae, Little Rock, Ark.; Dr. Leonard Riggleman, president Harvey Morris College, Charleston, W. Va.; and, from local headquarters: Dr. W. F. Quillian, Dr. J. Q. Schisler, Dr. W. M. Alexander, Dr. C. A. Bowen, Rev. Earl Cunningham, Rev. M. Leo Rippy, Miss Rowena Ferguson, Rev. A. J. Walton, and Boyd M. McKeown.

There will be another meeting of the executive committee on August 19, at Lake Junaluska, N. C., at which time program plans will be completed.

JUNALUSKA, 1937

The Church is naturally interested to know of the progress that has been made in connection with the Methodist Assembly at Lake Junaluska. After the successful completion of the financial campaign in the summer the entire indebtedness against the Assembly has been liquidated and the title was placed in a Holding Committee composed of Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, Dr. W. A. Lambeth and myself. After the death of Bishop Mouzon, Dr. W. P. Few, president of Duke University, accepted the vacant place on the Holding Committee. The back taxes against the Assembly have been adjusted and paid and Haywood County has assured us that since the grounds are now the property of the Church there will be no taxes against that portion of it which is owned by the Church and used for educational and religious purposes.

The Holding Committee requested Dr. J. M. Ormond, of Durham, N. C., to have charge of the program for the summer of 1937. He has been at work on it for some months and assures us that it will be of a very superior quality. There will be many new features on the program this year that will interest the public and special provision will be made for the direction and leadership of young people's groups and programs. Full details will be published, giving the program for every day during the summer, and the public will be kept informed as to what to expect at the Lake during July and August.

Mr. James Atkins has been maintained as manager of properties and is busy getting the grounds and buildings in good shape for the summer season. It must be remembered that Junaluska has been in the hands of a receiver for several years and that almost no permanent repairs have been put on the grounds or buildings. There are many improvements which we are very anxious to make and which are sorely needed. This can be done only as financial resources are available. It is the firm determination of the Committee not to let the institution go into debt. Hence, the public must be patient while we work ourselves out of a situation which has long needed constructive attention. We believe that with a better season this year in prospect many things can be done which will greatly delight our public. Our patrons, however, must understand that we cannot spend money that we do not have. Some people have the idea that now that the Church "owns Junaluska" every kind of fee and admission charge can be taken off, but this is far from true. We are anxious to prepare a new schedule of entrance fees and to keep every financial scale at the lowest possible figure, but we must move cautiously and use sound business sense. With the co-operation of property owners and the public we believe that a new and brighter day is coming for Lake Junaluska. All correspondence regarding property, lots, etc., should be addressed to Mr. James Atkins at Lake Junaluska. Any requests for information regarding the program should be addressed to Dr. J. M. Ormond, Duke University, Durham, N. C.

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What Is Religion?

By Marshall Wingfield

Religion is not in knowing all wise and ancient lore;
Nor in one's showy charity from goodly stock and store.
It's not in quoting Scriptures with grave and pious air;
It's in the giving of ourselves with everything we share.

Religion is not in rites and rules and admonitions wise;
It's in the grace of seeing life as with another's eyes.
It's not in creeds and doctrines however true they be;
It's power to believe the best in spite of what we see.

Religion is in the attitudes we take from day to day;
It's in all kindly deeds we do, all tender words we say.
It's in the thoughts we entertain each of his fellowman;
It's in our standards of success and in the way we plan.

Religion is honest sympathy that's eager to befriend;
It's finding in the worst of folk something to commend.
It's the pity of a gracious heart, an understanding mind
Or, summed up in a sentence, it's the art of being kind.

Wallet of the Week

VIRGINIA DARE, the first white child born on American soil, is to be honored by an issue of half-dollars which will bear an image representing her and carrying the proper data for such a coin. The occasion will be the celebration of the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of her birth. She may have been entitled to fame on other grounds, but the fame for which she is to be recognized was a circumstance of history. We believe that such recognition of historical events has a distinct value.

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PUPPET PREACHERS is a term which a Newark priest of the Catholic Church is reported to have applied to a timeserving type of minister. The vigor of what he had to say may be judged from what is given as the substance of his message, "The minister of religion who refuses to criticize the lives of his people—especially his wealthy people—for fear of endangering his position is a traitor to the cause of Christ." Anyone must sympathize with a fearless ministry, but courage without good judgment and discrimination could be a liability rather than an asset.

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A VERY VALUABLE COLLECTION of Journals, books, biographies, memoirs, pamphlets and letters is to be found in the New England Methodist Historical Society Library in Boston. There can be found all the General Conference Journals, Minutes, Disciplines and Year Books. All New England Annual Conference Minutes and all standard Methodist histories are included in the list. It has also a complete file of Zion's Herald, all local histories of New England churches, and hundreds of biographies and valuable rare books, and other source material of Methodist history.

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GERMAN PROTESTANTISM suffered severe losses a few years ago on account of withdrawals, but in 1934 more than two hundred thousand of the three hundred and twenty-three thousand additions were returning Protestants who had withdrawn in previous years. The report indicates that defections from the Catholic Church have greatly increased. The number changing from Catholicism to Protestantism in 1936 was 31,203, as against 16,302 in 1930. The reason assigned for this trend is an increased zeal among the Protestants caused by persecution.

THE NEW YORK LEGISLATURE has before it a bill for extending the Civil Rights law of the state. The pending measure proposes to make it a misdemeanor for an employment agency to furnish employees to an employer who makes either race or religion a condition of employment. It is conceivable that such a bill might become a law, but it is certain that it would not be easy to secure an effective enforcement of it, particularly in New York, where religion rather than race will make difficulty.

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IN BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA, the second largest city in the Imperial Valley, there are reported to be more Buddhists than Christians. The followers of Buddha have erected a temple for their use. Among the Japanese residents, there is a group known as "The Friends of Jesus." The organization was formed as a result of the visit of Dr. Kagawa to the Imperial Valley several years ago. Such a situation developing in the very heart of Christian America is something which should cause deep concern to the religious forces of the land.

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A NEW ANGLE OF ADULT CONVERSION has been introduced into Greece. The Parliamentary Commission for Constitution Reform in Greece has decided unanimously, says a report, to include in the new Greek Constitution a clause prohibiting the conversion of all persons under twenty-one years of age. Another instance of daring and blasphemous thinking regarding the operation of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men. Surely God, who is not a respecter of persons, cannot be made to observe either years or seasons.

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RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR THE DEAF is described as a unique feature of the program of Religious Education in Fort Worth, Texas, where Rev. C. F. Langdon lectures to a well filled classroom in the sign language of the deaf. The account says that there are only two missionaries ministering to approximately one hundred thousand deaf folk in the Southern states. We do not know about the accuracy of that statement, but we do know that St. Mark Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga., has maintained a ministry to the deaf for a period of about twenty years. It was organized by Mr. Cruselle, for a long time it was ministered to by Rev. Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Fred Cooledge, a Baptist, is continuing the work.

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EDITORIAL

RELIGION IS INCLUSIVE

On one occasion Jesus answered a quibbling lawyer thus: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." The factors which indicate the sweeping inclusiveness of the command of God were not supplied by the translator, but they are distinctions recorded in the original text. Whatever else may be found in these words, Jesus emphasizes our responsibility for every factor of life. In this answer, he was not influenced by the academic processes of analysis which our psychologists employ today, but through his practical understanding of life, he perceived the essential oneness of every sphere, and he represents them all as having their unity of possibility and of responsibility in God. Over against the hollowness of a superficial allegiance in great things, he set the declaration that wastage or perversion of any factor is recorded ultimately and eternally in the unity which is life. This position resolves itself into the doctrine that Christianity is the sum total of what we are in emotion, in thought, in word and in deed. By plain implication, Jesus means that religious loyalty is not recorded in the high spots or on the parade ground more than in the simple attitudes to human problems, whether such be personal or social. If, therefore, one's thought stream is soiled and polluted, so that affliction and tragedy are made to appear as judgments upon moral delinquency, or the slightest word or gesture is translated into evidence of an unworthy design, can such an one claim the moral unity which has the promise of God's approval? Is there hope of immortality for one who fails utterly in the wholesome integration of his life? We would not be willing to set limits for the grace of God, and we do not know the measure of His allowance for human frailty; but we do not believe that a mind clogged with silt, distrust and slander can establish a claim to the favor of God in the face of these plain and searching words with which Jesus dismissed the quibbling lawyer.

RELIGIOUS ILLITERATES

A few evenings ago we chanced to be listening to a radio program in which a group of people, housewives, lawyers, engineers, and others, drew questions from a receptacle to which they made impromptu answers. It was a prize contest and the questions related to science, history, invention, literature, entertainment, and the Bible. Very naturally, some of the questions drawn were so completely outside the thinking of those who drew them that their offhand answers were not impressive. But one finds difficulty in believing that such could be true of the most elementary questions regarding the books of the Bible. Yet, when a woman drew: "Name the first five books of the New Testament," she could give no answer. Her only word was "I'm sorry." That any grown person in this land of Christian culture could have been so uninformed is a tax upon the imagination. But such was the case. We imagine that instances of people who have such deficiency of knowledge concerning elemental things of Scripture are not numerous. We believe, however, that there is an appalling illiteracy as to the values of Scripture, which is doubtless contributing much to the condition of social chaos which we have faced during the past few years. It indicates something of the problem which confronts the Christian Church in America. Very naturally, Christian leadership is drawn toward centers of social disturbance and it is prone to think in terms of proposals which are not always separated from selfish interest. Some of the situations which have arisen cannot be postponed for an ideal time or condition. But the Church must exert itself to establish appreciation of spiritual values in the thinking of the people. Any other method of adjustment, no matter by whom administered, can be only temporary. The author of Proverbs observed wisely, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." American citizens must be grounded in the reasons for righteousness before any lasting and effective social integration can be achieved. Spiritual illiteracy must be cured before selfishness can be conquered.

WHY WE DO NOT DISCUSS SOCIAL ISSUES

We know that there are those who feel a measure of disappointment that our editorial policy has not led us to take up the discussion of the controverted social and industrial issues now furnishing grist for the mill of every variety of publication in the land. Our course does not reflect a lack of interest, and our convictions are positive on most of the issues now being discussed, but the Advocate is not a personal organ. A few questions are so vitally related to the purpose and program of the Church as to call for notice, but we cannot believe that participation in the discussion of industrial disputes and partisan issues, as such, would promote the ends for which the Church exists. We are not unmindful of the fact that Christianity appears to create problems by the very ideals which it presents, but it is in reality a clash with opposers of truth. We do not think that a partisan alignment would be either wise or helpful. There are few instances of social disagreement in which all truth is on one side, and few men are great enough to join in hectic partisan discussion without becoming part of rather than helping to clarify the situation. Jesus refused to accept the role of arbiter in a dispute over an estate, and that was an elementary example of the contests now existing throughout the country. We do not wish to avoid legitimate social responsibility, but neither would we build a caste altar where parties to a contest might become embittered in the name of religion. A few days ago we noticed an account of a New England "liberal" minister who had been dismissed from his pulpit for "radicalism." He was charged with being a member of the American Civil Liberties Union. His dismissal brought forth strong resolutions from his fellow-craftsmen, who asked for a black-listing of that pulpit until the board of control should be dismissed or brought to terms. We do not know the inside of this matter and we do not offer any judgment upon its merits. Regardless of the facts, however, we doubt if any religious interest was advantaged by the alignment which ended in the ejection of the minister and an effort at a retalliatory boycott. It has been the time-honored policy of the Advocate to devote its energies to the spiritual cultivation of its constituency. It seeks to promote ethical righteousness by the elevation of the thinking and character of its readers. It seeks to minister justly and fairly to all, regardless of economic or social station, and without seeking to regulate or regiment social attitudes. We think the policy is wise and we shall try to keep our emphasis upon the fundamental verities of the Gospel which in the end must, we believe, straighten out the tangles in our social relations.

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Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

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And whenever by chance we would say something to a congenial soul about the charm of a wood-fire, the response would be immediate and enthusiastic. In addition to the charm of it, certain practical advantages were nearly always mentioned—you could see it, the fire-place was a convenient place to throw things, and if for any reason expectoration became necessary, the environment was totally favorable. Many pleasant moments have been spent viewing this picture on memory's walls.

We still like fireplaces and wood fires—we have to like them, for they are all we have. But along with their advantages, there are certain disadvantages to which we cannot be blind. Fat-pine kindling is unknown in a hardwood country—busted-up dry-goods boxes, split boards, twigs and chips, old shingles and pickets have to take its place. The woodpile has an exasperating way of reaching the vanishing point in the coldest spell of weather. Good oak or hickory is not always obtainable, and the best substitutes are bad enough. Wet wood—and it rains a good deal in the winter—is a vexation of spirit; and a good deal of any kind you get is either too long or too short.

And the ashes! The kind of wood we are using now can make less heat and more ashes than ought to be legal in any civilized country.

Dream about wood-fires all you please—but use gas if you can get it.

Those good old days! "Distance lends enchantment" to a lot of things.

Unification

A SOUTHERN QUESTION

By Rev. N. G. Augustus

At a meeting of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, recently held in Atlanta, Ga., it was decided by the Bishops that the question of union with the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) and the Methodist Protestant Church, now pending, should be submitted to a vote at the approaching sessions of the Southern Annual Conferences. The Southern Methodist Church is so large and important a part of the life of the South and the natural influence of a large element in any society is so great, that the proposed action is of vital concern to the entire South as it is certainly calculated to affect the social, moral, political, and religious life of this entire section.

Owing to the peculiar government of our Church, this union could be voted upon the Church by Annual Conference action, over and against the wishes of a vast majority of our members, and so the members might be voted into the membership of an organization which they never had joined and in countless instances would not have joined when uniting with a Church. This would involve the flagrant invasion of a plain natural right.

In the matter of this merger we are told to enter into it as a duty enjoined by Scripture. In other words, we are told to enter into an outward form of Christian unity for which there is not a shred of evidence in the New Testament. If that Book says anything about the outward form or organization of the Church, I could never find it, unless we construe as a teaching on government the forms assumed by the first churches formed. A church then was the assembly of believers in a given place, for instance the church at Corinth or at Ephesus. The apostles and elders had only moral, advisory, persuasive authority. I find no hint of legal or organic authority. The apostles rebuked, but with rebuke comes not the idea of legal power. The apostles exhorted to "withdraw" from certain men, but there is no hint of legal force or power. Both "withdrawing and rebuking" might be used with profit today both as to membership and ministry. In the course of time there came on, as some historians say, an aggregation of local churches as a help against persecution. A large part of Protestantism today wears the outward form of an association of local churches. This may or may not be for good. But this form of outward unity has furnished a large and favorable field for the gratification of ambition or for the gratification of man's innate lust for power.

When shall these mergers end? Shall they combine all Protestantism, and thus bring about two or three great aggregations of churches; and shall these two or three grow into one embracing all? And which shall finally absorb all? We see that the logic of this leads to the Vatican and the Pope—the great Catholic Church, that marvelous creation of Italian genius. While I could never be a Catholic, yet for that for which it now stands—the right of property, the sanctity of marriage, and the authority and inspiration of the Book—these great foundations of civilization, the Catholic Church commands my respect. It stands ready with its world-wide organization to receive us. As a Protestant, I resent methods whose logic points to Rome. Our leaders point us to the empty shells of an imagined Christian unity.

Christian unity is not of form but of faith and spirit. Real association, real unity among men, is based on community of belief and of genuine belief. One striking ground of suspicion as to these recent attempts at unity through outward form is that it advocates in many instances are those who minify faith as the basis of life and unity. Of course the more lightly items of our belief are held and the fewer they are, the easier it is to get men to go into organizations so based. Carried to a logical conclusion, an organization so based believes nothing and stands for nothing. I have never known a man who was loose or in modern phrase "liberal" in his belief who was not an advocate of an outward form of Christian unity. Real unity has no need of artificial form. It is a matter of faith and feeling.

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These denominational mergers have been to a large degree failures. Some years ago a merger of various denominations in Canada, including the Presbyterian Church, was attempted. There was to some extent a merger and a denomination with a new name was formed. But the Presbyterian Church still exists and is an active vigorous denomination in Canada. Some years ago a merger of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., was set on foot. Out of the wreckage of the Cumberland Church, the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., acquired various valuable assets, but the Cumberland Church persists as a vigorous Church. And today from the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., there are withdrawals on doctrinal grounds of sufficient volume to warrant the institution of Presbyteries of a new denomination.

Will men ever learn from experience? It seems not. There is a key to American history which has been strangely overlooked. Madison speaking of the conditions confronting the Constitutional Convention of 1787, says he soon discerned that the difficulty to be met was to unite in one government two peoples of dissimiliar interests. He might well have added two peoples unlike in temperament and character. However by compromise an adjustment was made and a union established in form, if not in reality. Then began the mighty drama of history—a struggle between two different peoples for the possession of power through the control of the new government, a struggle destined to be completed only after the lapse of some eighty years. The struggle was for power, the deepest lust of the souls of men and of peoples. The real nature of the struggle was only disguised by the appeal of slavery.

At the beginning the South was possessed of such wealth of leadership that governmental control passed into her hands and there remained until displaced by force. She had furnished the eloquent son who had inspired the discontented colonists to armed resistance. She had furnished the pen which wrote the principles for which the fathers fought. She had furnished the great soldier who had let the armies of revolt. When victory had been won, she furnished the man who led in the construction of a new government. And when that government was set to going, she furnished the jurist whose decisions shaped all the future of the land. But after seventy years of national existence, an issue of force was joined, and in place of a government by free consent of the governed, a new government was set up under which the North controls the government with a power which shows no sign of passing away. Such was the outcome of the governmental struggle for power between what some Englishmen designate as a contest between two civilizations.

How was it in the field of religion? Peoples from all quarters joined in the building up of a common united Methodism. While concord lasted, great was the glory. But owing to the differences of the peoples above referred to and with slavery as a pretext, such differences arose at the General Conference of 1844 that a division occurred under a plan then and there agreed upon, and a separation ensued. After this separation, it appeared that great prosperity ensued on every hand.

As I read in a stenographic copy of the Louisville (Ky.) Convention of 1845, now in my possession, this plan of separation was written by Dr. Hamline, who immediately on writing it was elected a Bishop of the Northern Church. But our Northern brethren refused to carry out the terms of separation until resort was had to the civil courts. Then we see the Negro caused the trouble with our breth-

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

We heard in Vinton a few days ago of the fine work being done by Rev. Alonzo Early. Just back of the town is an imposing spectacle of derricks which mark a newly-developed oil field.

Rev. B. C. Taylor, of Homer, featured both his Easter service and the Woman's Missionary Conference in a very attractive bulletin for March 28. It was comprehensive and in good taste.

We appreciate the interest of Mrs. T. W. Beville, of Bernice, and the Advocate gladly responds to her request as it will to any other call which may help the cause of the Church in that section.

Dr. Dana Dawson, pastor at First Church, Shreveport, received ninety-four members into his church on Easter Sunday. The reception of such a class doubtless added much to the impressiveness of the great service of that morning.

Rev. H. J. Boltz, whose home is in Ruston, writes us an enthusiastic commendation of the Advocate, which he has read for over fifty years. We appreciate both the good opinion and the friendship of Brother Boltz.

Rev. Sidney A. Seegers, writing from Lake Providence recently, reported a splendid response in the pre-Easter services then in progress. We heard through another source later that a great throng attended the Easter service.

Rev. D. B. Boddie, now in his first year at Sulphur, is working to conserve the resources of Henning Memorial and at the same time he is making ready to anticipate the progress indicated by the oil developments in that section.

Rev. C. B. Powell writes that his pre-Easter service at Melville was well attended, and that the attendance of men was especially gratifying. He reports that Dr. R. H. Harper, the presiding elder, is in great favor with the people.

Rev. Thurmond Spinks, of the Moss Bluff-Bell City charge, was over for a service during the meeting at Sulphur. His appointments lie around Lake Charles and some of them were originally developed in connection with First Church.

Rev. W. C. Scott, pastor at First Church, Monroe, was a caller at the Advocate office during our absence last week. We are sorry to have missed him and we invite him to give us another chance to show him that we mean what we say.

Rev. B. H. Sheppard, pastor at Hackberry, is in a field both unusual and difficult. The charge is made up largely of churches with a community type of organization, and the continuance of the groups depends largely upon production in the oil fields which are there.

Mrs. W. E. Moreland, of Powhatan, and a member of Natchitoches church, gives substantial evidence of her continuing loyalty to the Advocate. We like to have people feel that the paper is not a special appeal, or a personal favor, but that it is an institution and a ministry of the Church.

Rev. J. M. Mashburn, now of Tallahassee, Florida, writes that he looks forward to the coming of the Advocate, his old home paper, for it brings him news from his old friends. We are glad to make the Advocate a weekly messenger to those who are thus separated from the ties of the past.

Rev. Guy M. Hicks, pastor at Trinity Church, Ruston, made his Easter folder more than a mere blueprint of the services for the day. It was packed full of the program which was to follow, and other material vitally connected with the resurrection and the local celebration of the fact. All of the calendars of Trinity Church are filled with local color and inspiring facts.

Rev. J. Richard Spann, First Church, Baton Rouge, takes the time to write us an appreciated note concerning our accident and also a brief word touching the progress of work in his great church. The March attendance record of his Church School shows a marked increase over that of the year before, he received fifty-seven members on Easter Sunday, and plans are under way for a material reduction of the church debt.

Rev. J. B. Grambling, of Epworth Church, New Orleans, is now engaged in special services at his church. He has the assistance of the Tebo Gospel Party, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tebo, Miss Modina Leonard and Miss Edna Mae Borders. The party play fourteen different instruments, and the meeting which began a little more than a week ago will continue each evening, except Monday, through April 18. The hour is 7:45.

EASTER SERVICES AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

Easter services at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be long remembered by the membership. Beginning with a preaching service at 9:30 a. m., the congregation overflowed the capacity of the church, and at the 11 o'clock preaching service the congregation was even larger. This second preaching service was an identical service. This condition is made necessary on Easter on account of the large membership of this church and the limited seating capacity of the auditorium.

At 4 p. m. a service of infant baptism was held, at which another large congregation assembled and 42 babies were baptized and nine received into membership at this service. At 7:30 p. m. the choir rendered a sacred cantata, "From Olivet to Calvary," at which time the church was again filled.

There were received into the membership of the church at these four services on Easter a total of 94 new members, and this number, added to 76 new members received the previous Sunday, makes a total of 170 new members received into membership in the two Sundays. During the pastorate of Dr. Dana Dawson there have been over eight hundred additions.

Plans are being formed for an enlargement at an early date. The church owns property in the rear of the church on which they intend erecting an educational building next year.

At the last meeting of the board of stewards Dr. Dawson was voted a three-months' leave of absence in order to accept an invitation to fill the pulpit of the largest Presbyterian church in Northern England during the summer months, located just out of the city of Liverpool. Dr. and Mrs. Dawson will leave about the middle of June.

CENTENARY'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING DEDICATED

With prayer and music, addresses and athletics, a memorable occasion was written in the history of the oldest college west of the Mississippi—Centenary College, of Shreveport, La., on Friday night, March 12, when the new Physical Education building was formally dedicated.

Through the generosity of W. A. Haynes, local oil man, this new gymnasium, large enough to seat more than 2,000 people, has been erected on the Centenary campus. Dr. George S. Sexton, president emeritus, speaking for W. A. Haynes, officially presented the building to Dr. Pierce Cline, president, who accepted the building and then committed its care to the college board of trustees with the admonition that they "see that it serves its purpose."

The formal dedication was made by Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, who delivered the dedicatory address. Music was furnished by the Centenary College band, under the direction of Dr. S. D. Morehead.

Prior to the ceremony, the girls' championship basket-ball game, sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association, was played, and the night's activities were concluded with the playing of the basket-ball game between the varsity team and alumni all-star.

At a total cost of $150,000, this beautiful brick building will provide ample space for basketball games and will also serve for indoor training for members of the football squad and other athletes. It also houses the offices for the athletic officials, and Dr. George S. Sexton's office is included in this new edifice.

A bronze tablet may be found in the lobby of the building on which is inscribed the following: "Physical Education Building, Centenary College of Louisiana; a gift of W. A. Haynes; Dr. Pierce Cline, president; Dr. George S. Sexton, president emeritus; board of trustees—Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, chairman; Paul M. Brown, secretary-treasurer; building committee, John B. Atkins, chairman; Curtis Parker, athletic director; George D. Sray, Bonneau Peters; Henry E. Schwarz, architect; Charles S. Barr, engineer; Werner Co., builders, 1936. 'A Sound Mind in a Sound Body.' "

CARROLLTON AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS

The auditorium of the Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, was packed to its capacity at the 11 o'clock service on Easter Sunday.

As a result of the recent evangelistic survey, in which Mr. Edward Nuwirth, W. C. Harris, V. R. Patterson, J. H. Carter, M. Strait and other laymen played a prominent part, 47 new members were received into the membership of the church, all, with the exception of eight, being adults, thirty of whom were received on profession of faith. The pastor, Dr. D. B. Raulins, in keeping with the occasion, delivered a great message on the resurrection, using as his subject, "He is risen—What of it?"

In addition to the many evidences of spiritual growth among the membership, a large offering was received for the Ruston orphanage, all salaries and obligations are paid to date, and indications point to even greater accomplishments in the coming months.

Carrollton Methodism is on the march.

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LOUISIANA YOUNG PEOPLE

(Continued from last week)

A word from Brother Morris reminds us that he, as dean of our assembly, is whole-heartedly planning a swell assembly, August 2-7, at Centenary College. He is to preside at a meeting of the Program Committee in Shreveport, May 14-15. It is hoped by that time that final plans will be ready for printing the program.

Due to a conflict with another camp, the dates for the Lake Arthur camps have been changed as follows: Christian Adventure, June 28-July 3; Epworth Training Camp, July 5-10.

Marjorie McCarty, of Pineville, tells us that Maud McFarland, with the help of others, is forming an Intermediate Union in the Alexandria District composed of Pineville, Boyce, Lecompte and Alexandria. The first organizational meeting was held in Pineville on March 12. Incidentally the Young People's Union met in Pineville on March 19.

Practically all the churches in Alexandria and Pineville banded together recently for the purpose of taking a religious census. That's practical cooperation.

The regular meeting of the Elizabeth Langford Union in Amite on March 7 proved to be the best of the year. The program centered around young people's Christian use of their money and their leisure time. The Kentwood young people, who report progress in constructive and fruitful work in their church, gave the devotional, consisting of hymns, scripture, and two beautiful and thought-provoking talks on tithing. Rev. Carl Lueg, of Hammond, rendered a most interesting address on the Christian use of leisure time. He asserted that there is more leisure time now than ever before and that the church has an opportunity to help solve the problem. He said that we as Christian individuals must use our leisure time for something worthwhile in God's Kingdom.

The union as a group is assisting the young people of Tangipahoa Parish in a drive to abolish slot machines in their parish. The chapters, which had 96 persons present, reported favorable progress in the local departments. Thanks, Arolyn Hastings, for the above report.

Miss Julia Webb McGehee, conference vice-president, would appreciate a prompt response from all the union presidents on the report blanks recently sent out. If you don't receive a blank write to Julia Webb at Downsville.

The February meeting of the C. F. A. Union was held at Istrouma on the 12th. Three departments were represented by thirty-six members. The theme, "Friendship," radiated through the devotional program. Valentine games, stunts and songs were participated in and enjoyed by all present. Followed by the benediction the union song, "Are Ye Able?" was sung. The next meeting was held on March 14. Miss Jessie Pearl Stott, president, sent in this report. Thanks.

Over Lake Providence way they're planning big things for Easter, according to Charles Brown. All the Methodist young people who come home from college are to be invited to a waffle breakfast on Saturday morning at the parsonage (Pastor Seegers).

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From the Shreveport Journal we quote the following:

"Officers were elected and plans for the coming year were discussed at a business meeting of the Ida Young People's department. The new officers are: Damaris Petty, president; Kelly Womanck, vice-president; and Doris Hawthorne, secretary-treasurer. The president appointed Helen Clements, Mary Loraine Murphy, and Norma Lee Nicholas as the recreation committee; and Oscar Perry, Kelly Womack, and Marshall McKinney as the building improvement committee.

"The Ida department, in cooperation with the Woman's Missionary Society, has selected as its goal this year the remodeling of two church school rooms to make a church kitchen. Such a project will prove a valuable asset when entertaining large groups of people at the church as well as at the department socials."

W. D. BODDIE.

EMORY STUDENTS CONDUCT LEADERSHIP CULTIVATION CONFERENCE

Students of Emory University were the leaders of a leadership cultivation conference, held at Jackson, Ga., March 21. The students, Earl Brewer, Clegg Avett, Jesse Waller and Leon Smith, were assisted by Miss Leila Penn, of Griffin, Ga.

A worship period, led by Earl Brewer, opened the day's program. It was followed by a discussion on principles of worship, led by Clegg Avett, and a sermon by Dr. Bascom Anthony. In the afternoon session a discussion of the administration and progress of the Young People's Division was led by Earl Brewer, and the conference closed with committee discussions on problems of worship, missions, citizenship, recreation, and literature.

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Crystal Springs, Rev. J. W. Leggett, Jr., pastor, will pay every current claim to date by the meeting of the District Conference.

Mrs. E. Lou Whyte, of Bond, has our thanks for a renewal, a new subscription and a personal appreciation of the Advocate as a spiritual ministry.

Rev. J. B. Holyfield reports progress in all phases of his work at Summit. Among other things, much needed repairs are being made on the parsonage.

Mrs. M. E. Owens, Osyka, adds to the note remitting her renewal a very gracious word of appreciation concerning the pleasure which she finds in the paper.

Rev. H. L. Daniels, Wesson, received a good class into the membership of his church, the result of his pre-Easter service. He is reported to have sixty per cent of his benevolences in hand.

Rev. C. W. Crisler, Hazlehurst, was assisted by Rev. E. L. Ledbetter, of Utica, in the pre-Easter services for his church. We have not been informed as to the results of the meeting.

We appreciate the interest of Mrs. N. E. Cunningham, 2504 Oak St., Vicksburg. She sends her own renewal and reports progress and a determined purpose with reference to the Advocate campaign.

Meadville and Bude, Rev. A. S. Oliver, pastor, made a report of progress along all lines at the second quarterly conference. The report included the Bishops' Crusade in the list of active interests.

Rev. L. P. Nelson, now in his third year on the historic Adams charge, is doing an excellent work and is in fine favor with his people. His presiding elder was with him for a service on Easter Sunday.

Rev. L. P. Anders, pastor at LaBranch, McComb, reports a good day on Easter Sunday. Rev. R. H. Clegg was the preacher. One-half the benevolence assumption will be paid by District Conference.

Dr. Henry T. Carley writes from Satartia that weather conditions have been very unfavorable for farming in that section. The rains which followed the receding of the floods have kept farm work at a stand-still.

Rev. J. Lambert Neill did the preaching in the meeting in his church at Brookhaven. He raised one-fourth of his benevolences on Easter Sunday and prospects are good for making it one-half by the District Conference.

Mrs. J. M. Morse, Jackson, says that she cannot do without the Advocate. It has been a long-time friend and is a great comfort to her. Sister Morse, with her noble husband, the late Rev. J. M. Morse, did long and faithful service in the Mississippi Conference.

We acknowledge the invitation of our good friend, Rev. H. A. Gatlin, to attend his District Conference. We will do so if it is possible for us to get there. We appreciate his word of assurance with reference to the campaign, and we know that he means just what he says.

Rev. R. H. Clegg, presiding elder of the Brookhaven District, and Rev. L. P. Anders, of LaBranch, McComb, remembered the Advocate office with a call last Friday, which the editor missed, much to his regret. Brother Clegg's father is in the Baptist Hospital of this city.

Rev. R. H. Clegg, presiding elder of the Brookhaven District, reports his work as making satisfactory progress. The pastors have been busily occupied with their revivals, and Brother Clegg has gone from place to place preaching and keeping in touch with the work.

The Board of Stewards of Centenary Church, McComb, has given assurance, we learn, that all obligations including the benevolences will be paid by the time the District Conference convenes. Rev. Otto Porter, the pastor, received eleven members by profession at his Easter service.

Rev. Otto Porter reports a great day at Centenary, McComb, on Easter Sunday. Early Communion, Church School, Morning Worship at which nineteen were received by profession of faith, a Knights Templar service, a wedding and a cantata. Well, that was at least one of his busy days.

Rev. A. M. Broadfoot had various pastors to assist him in the meeting at Pearl River Avenue, McComb. Many accounts of long standing were paid off, interest on the church debt is on the way to full settlement soon, and benevolences will be paid up to date by the meeting of the District Conference.

Mrs. R. M. Weissinger, Louise, sends us a subscription for her sister, Mrs. J. J. Hester, who is well into her eighties and has long been a reader of the paper before moving to Arkansas, her present home. We hope that its visits may be the means of making real the ties and and the joys of the past.

Dr. A. P. Hamilton, of Millsaps College faculty, taught a well-attended class in "The Survey of the New Testament" at Yazoo City during the week beginning March 14. This was Dr. Hamilton's third class in this church, where his services are greatly in demand. A feature of the class was the singing of the great Methodist hymns from the new hymnal.

Conditions in the delta section of the Vicksburg District are returning to a semi-normal state. The waters are receding slowly and repeated rains have prevented much farming being done. Church services have been well attended in spite of unfavorable conditions. The Holly Bluff church has resumed services after more than a month of interruption from backwater.

The meeting of the presiding elders and other leaders in the Bishops' Crusade in Mississippi and Louisiana was optimistic and encouraging throughout. We appreciate the resolution of the leaders of the three Conferences to back the Advocate campaign one hundred per cent and better. We are confidently expecting the greatest Advocate campaign we have had in a long while.

Rev. Osmond S. Lewis, of East End church, Meridian, writes that his congregation has carried through to success their debt-paying campaign. He says that Mrs. C. M. Martin was asked to raise twenty-five dollars, but that she had raised one hundred and thirty-five dollars and had not finished. Mrs. Martin has charge of the Cradle Roll or the Beginners department, we do not recall which. No church has a better worker and no cause a better friend than she.

Dr. T. M. Brownlee, presiding elder of Jackson District, reports enthusiastically of the work in Jackson. Galloway Memorial Church, Dr. J. L. Decell, pastor, had a remarkable meeting with Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs doing the preaching. Rev. Bruner Hunt maintained a great record at Capitol Street Church by raising the entire $3,810 assumed for benevolences, and in addition he raised money for the liquidation of a twelve hundred dollar debt also. Dr. Brownlee expects that at least one-half of the benevolences for the District will be in hand by the meeting of the District Conference at Canton on April 15, 16.

The death of Mr. Joseph S. Pugh in Texas recently removed the last surviving member of the family of the late Rev. Josiah M. Pugh, D.D., of the Mississippi Conference. Mr. Pugh was born in Texas in 1874 while his father was president of Marvin College, but he spent twenty years in business in Yazoo City. He is survived by his widow, formerly Mrs. Kate Russell of Vicksburg, a daughter and two sons. His mother was a daughter of Rev. Thomas C. Thornton, D. D., first president of Centenary College at Brandon Springs, later president of Madison College at Sharon. Mrs. Kidd, of Yazoo City, founder of Kidd-Key College, was a first cousin.

Mrs. Helen Collins Leach, a member of the Yazoo City church for sixty-five years, passed away on March 23 and was buried the following day from the residence of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Gregory. She was born on May 2, 1861, and in 1873 was received into the Methodist Church by Rev. Charles B. Galloway. She was married to Lee B. Bates in Oakland, California, in 1899, and, after his death, to Richard C. Leach in New Orleans. He, too, passed away several years ago. Mrs. Leach had been an invalid for some time. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Gregory, and a brother, Will L. Collins, of Fresno, California, and several nieces and nephews.

The new pastors in the Vicksburg District have all given a good account of themselves and will make creditable reports at District Conference at Rolling Fork. W. O. Sadler and his wife have made a fine beginning in the cultured old town of Woodville. C. A. Schultz, at Natchez, is carrying on with all the enthusiasm of his predecessor. Rumor has it that Charlie thoroughly approves the regularity with which he gets his salary. A. W. Wilson, at Lorman, is holding up the banner of Methodism in the home community of the Watkins and Jones families. J. E. Gray has made a most favorable impression at Port Gibson, and J. V. Bennett is having a great pastorate at Gibson Memorial. Wesley Ezell is doing well at Silver City.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren: Five pieces of literature authorized by the General Board of Lay Activities have been prepared for publication in attractive booklet form by the General Secretary, Dr. G. L. Morelock, and copies of each recently supplied to all presiding elders, pastors, and district lay leaders. Please examine them carefully, and you will no doubt be impressed with their attractiveness and value, and wish to use them effectively in every congregation. These booklets are:

"Methodism Marches On as a United Force Through Benevolences."

"Ye Are My Witnesses."

"The Christian Steward in His Church."

"Spiritualizing Church Finance."

all by George L. Morelock, and a fifth, "Hidden Fangs," by W. B. Selah, D.D., which presents the substance of an address on Temperance delivered by Dr. Selah at the last session of the Mississippi Annual Conference.

Certainly the progress of the Church is dependent on a live and loyal membership, which must also be an informed membership. Inspirational messages must be gotten to the people and there is no more important unit than the Board of Stewards. Will the pastors and lay leaders cooperate in seeing that a copy of "Methodism Marches On" is made available for every steward in the Mississippi Conference? The price is only 10 cents, and the other four booklets mentioned are to be had for free distribution in limited numbers.

I submit a report from the Treasurer on payments for Benevolences to March 28. You will note that 92 charges have paid nothing for this report:

Brookhaven District.—Crystal Springs, $100; Georgetown, $10; Hazlehurst, $50; Meadville and Bude, $97.55; Osyka, $23; Prentiss, $200; Summit and Topisaw, $22.20;; Utica, $75.35. Total, $578.10.

Hattiesburg District.—Bonhomie, $25; Bucatunna, $10.50; Collins, $25; Ellisville, $6.50; Hattiesburg, Court Street, $50; Heidelberg, $40.50; Magee, $10; Matherville, $5; Montrose, $15; Mt. Olive, $27; New Augusta, $30.24; Petal, $25; Taylorsville, $14.97; Waynesboro Circuit, $10. Total, $289.71.

Jackson District.—Brandon and Pelahatchie, $35; Camden and Sharon, $18.25; Fannin, $104; Homewood, $12; Jackson, Capitol Street, $1,268; Jackson, Galloway Memorial, $500; Madison and Pocahontas, $15; Morton, $75; Walnut Grove, $10.50. Total, 2,037.75.

Meridian District.—Cleveland, $7.70; Daleville, $8.65; Decatur and Hickory, $87.50; DeSoto, $23.05; Lauderdale and Electric Mills, $46; Meridian, Hawkins Memorial, $35; Meridian, Wesley, $15.50; Philadelphia Station, $200; Quitman, $60; Vimville, $5.95. Total, $439.35.

Vicksburg District.—Nebo, $60; Rolling Fork and Cary, $50; Satartia, $20; Vicksburg, Gibson Memorial, $22.29. Total, $152.29.

Seashore District.—Bay St. Louis, $1; Coalville, $5.50; Escatawpa, $15; Gulfport, First Church, $300; Kreole, $15; Long Beach and Pass Christian, $21; Lucedale, $30; Moss Point, $28.45; Saucier, $10; Vancleave, $18; Biloxi, $75. Total, $518.95. Grand total, $4,016.15.

J. M. SULLIVAN.

OSYKA AND FERNWOOD

The purpose and spirit of the Lenten Season was emphasized during the forty days.

The Palm Sunday sermons were delivered in keeping with the custom observed for many years, and the need, privileges and blessings of Holy Week, in the "Upper Room," with the Savior and his friends was urged, and stressed, not only to seek a larger measure of this spirit for the time being, but to carry it through life.

Because of existing conditions in the community life and homes of our membership we did not hold the usual sunrise service and have the sacramental service, but held it at 10:45 a. m., and then preached on the Resurrection of our Savior.

At 3 p. m. we drove out to Muddy Springs, ten miles west, and preached and administered the sacrament there. During Holy Week we had preaching every night, except Saturday; and we had the privilege of having our neighbor pastors to fill the pulpit here in Osyka. Monday evening, Brother J. L. Smith, of Magnolia; Tuesday evening, Brother Everett, pastor of the Baptist church of Kentwood, La.; Wednesday evening, Brother Hunt, pastor of the Baptist church here in Osyka, and Thursday evening, Brother Otto Porter, of Centenary Church, McComb. On Friday evening we had Brother L. P. Anders, LaBranch, McComb, to preach, but the rain and cold weather made conditions so that the service could not be held.

At 7:30 p.m. the McComb City High School Glee Club came down to our church and put on a Easter song service as a closing of the Easter season. In this club there were about forty or more young people, well trained and under the leadership and direction of Mrs. Agnes Nelson. She is a capable leader and a musician of great ability. The people of our town, of all denominations, enjoyed the services very much and will give them another invitation some time in the future.

At each place and time we gave special stress to the importance of meeting fifty per cent of our benevolences so that our boards could meet the obligations we hold to each department of our great Church.

We are now ready to put over the program of the Bishops' Crusade, and hope to realize satisfactory results, both in a spiritual and material reality.

If it should fail in spiritual results, somebody, some way, somehow, will be responsible for the outcome. Of course, the financial situation is not the result of mismanagement on the part of our leaders. Back of this is, and was, the general conditions resulting from the depression all over the world. It is quite certain, too, that the churches suffered less than any other department of the social interests of the country. Many banks failed, and very few churches failed in spite of the downward pull. One thing, especially, is worthy of attention, great business leaders still have confidence in the church, and it was and is easier to readjust business matters for the churches than most any other department. The time has come, though, when we must remove this embarrassment and set the church free to extend her bounds and strengthen her forces.

We are also ready to launch a campaign to vote on the question of beer and wine. It is to be held in the near future, and we hope that one more county, Pike, will send the business out. We will do our part to put it over.

W. H. SAUNDERS, P. C.

As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.—Jeremiah.

Since nations have existed, they have fluctuated between Authority and Control.—Andre Maurois.

North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

The parsonage at Sherman has a new ice box and Brother Jack Henry, pastor, is wearing a big smile.

The Kossuth circuit recently increased the pastor's salary about 15 per cent. Rev. A. M. West is the pastor.

The parsonage at Chalybeate is much improved under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. N. N. Maxey.

Several churches in the Corinth District are now ready for dedication, namely, Baldwyn, Ashland, and Dumas.

The unified financial plan is working well in several churches in the Corinth District, notably Iuka station, Baldwyn and Gaines Chapel.

Good attendance and fine interest marked the three educational institutes and the District Missionary Institute of the Corinth District.

Rev. E. H. Cunningham had an impressive service at Corinth on Easter Day, as is indicated by his beautiful and well arranged calendar for that occasion.

Snowdown church, on the Iuka circuit, was recently dedicated. The service of dedication was led by the pastor, Rev. L. P. Jumper, and Rev. J. D. Wroten, presiding elder.

Mrs. O. E. West, of Caledonia, has our thanks for a renewal of her subscription and for her enthusiastic interest in the paper. Nothing pleases us more than for the Advocate to be valued for itself.

It is estimated that fifty per cent of the benevolences for the Corinth District were in hand by Easter Sunday. Most of the pastors were working hard on this item of the church's work and were getting results.

The new church at Oxford is in process of construction under the leadership of Rev. W. R. Lott. It will be finished in the summer. In addition to the erection of the new building, there is also spiritual awakening.

Mrs. Bessie C. Williams, of Victoria, renews her Advocate and says that she has been reading it for practically thirty years. She says that she enjoys its good company and then passes it on to others to make them happy also.

Both in Christian education and in missions, the churches look forward to a good year in the Corinth District. Rev. J. D. Wroten, presiding elder, is himself enthusiastic about these matters and has the ability to create like enthusiasm in his people.

The bulletin of Dr. Broyles, pastor of First Church, Columbus, featured the Easter Service, an Easter Pageant, and a message of Easter Greeting to his people. Dr. Broyles is doing an excellent work in that great old church, according to reports reaching us.

The stewards of the Becker charge are meeting regularly to consider the business of the church and to study the Discipline. Prof. Mauldin is the leader in this, and is setting a praiseworthy example not only to the local stewards but to the whole District.

Rev. E. S. Lewis, pastor at Durant, sends us one of the many beautiful and impressive Easter folders which has reached our desk. It features the Good Friday and Easter services, and has in addition wholesome facts and thoughts bearing upon the theme of the week.

Rev. V. C. Curtis is pastor-host of the Woman's Missionary Conference which is meeting at Aberdeen this week. Bishop Dobbs is to be present for the Conference, and we appreciate the invitation to share the pleasure and profit of the session, but it will not be possible for us to do so.

A note from Mrs. W. H. Mounger says that they had a very happy service at Moore Memorial Church, Winona. Mrs. Mounger reports a well organized and active Missionary Society of about one hundred women. The active and capable director of the department of Social Service is Mrs. J. W. Conger, whom we know and appreciate.

The presiding elder reports that the church at New Chapel, Nettleton charge, caught on fire while he was preaching there recently. He says that he can not quite decide whether his sermon was so dry that a spark got in it and caused a blaze, or whether it was so hot that it set the church on fire. Everyone rallied and extinguished the fire, though a good bit of damage was done.

The Methodist church at Derma was badly damaged by fire on Easter morning, according to a news item carried in the **Monitor-Herald** of Calhoun City. The fire broke out about 10 o'clock and for a time it seemed that there was no hope of saving the building from total loss. The timely arrival of a CCC fire crew, and a hard fight saved the building, but the loss was about six hundred dollars. Rev. G. R. Meaders is the pastor.

Special attention is called to the meeting of the stewards of the district at Shannon, April 13, and at Vardaman, April 14. These meetings have been called by Mr. W. L. Elkins, District Lay Leader, and Dr. W. P. Buhrman, the presiding elder. Laymen will take the principal parts of the program. Last year these meetings were so successful that the laymen requested that they be held quarterly, but a very full calendar prevented the first meeting.

A tabulation of the reports to the presiding elder of the Aberdeen District for the first quarter shows improvement over last year. In a total of thirty-two items, twenty-one show an excess over the previous year, three remain the same and eight fall behind. The benevolent assumption is not only larger, but to date payments are nearly four hundred dollars ahead, and the amount is nearly twice as much as last year. This represents sixteen charges against twelve of 1935-36. Other finances are in as good shape, and the total financial excess amounts to $5,335.

Prospects for building are wide-spread in the Corinth District. At Corinth, First Church, the congregation, led by Rev. E. H. Cunningham, will soon begin a building fund for the erection of a more adequate plant. A new church is soon to be built on the Guntown charge. At Myrtle an improvement program has been launched, several churches on the charge having already been improved. There are plans for a new building on the Rienzi charge. At Southside, Corinth, the debt for the building has been cut almost in half since the meeting of the Annual Conference.

The church at Ingomar was dedicated on March 7, with the sermon of dedication preached by Rev. T. H. Dorsey, of Water Valley. An interesting item in the day's program was the burning of a note, eleven years old, which had been held against the church. The paying of this old debt was made possible largely by the enthusiastic work of Rev. S. P. Ashmore, pastor of the charge, who burned fifty gallons of gasoline in visiting the members of his circuit to plan with them to free this church of indebtedness. Fifty per cent of the benevolences for the charge are now in hand.

A FINE EASTER

The program of the Methodist church at Durant, Miss., culminating on Easter Sunday was an occasion of interest and profit. Had a two-hour program on Good Friday, when brief messages were brought on the Seven Words. A number of pastors assisted the local pastor and all had a good time.

The sacrament was administered at an early hour Easter morning. At the 11 o'clock hour a great crowd assembled and a most enjoyable service was held. Three little girls joined the church on profession and a number by letter. A good start was made on the benevolences.

A young people's program was presented at 5 in the afternoon and the same was greatly appreciated.

We expect the presiding elder to be with us the second Sunday morning in April.

E. S. LEWIS, P. C.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE, NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

The District Missionary Institute met in Pontotoc, Miss., on March 17, 1937, The program for the several missionary institutes was followed and resulted in a very inspiring time for all attending. No doubt this program will be mentioned several times in the several accounts from the districts, so it is needless to call attention to it in its entirety. The fact that we would like to call attention to is that the Aberdeen District had well over a hundred people from the different charges within its bounds. Several charges on the edges of the district sent delegates to other institutes as well as this.

From without the district came the Rev. E. Nash Broyles, pastor of First Church, Columbus, with an inspiring message concerning the Bishops' Crusade; the Rev. J. H. Holder, representing the Conference Board of Missions; the Rev. R. G. Moore, Conference Missionary Secretary and himself a former foreign missionary, presenting the cause of the World Outlook and the study book for the year, and Rev. R. A. Grisham, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education. A devout and devoted layman, S. V. Wall, of Cleveland, Miss. called our attention to his godchild, and our Conference Special, the Lewis Hospital Fund. The district secretary of the W. M. S., Mrs. Kolb, of Aberdeen, brought to us an account of the faithfulness of our loyal churchwomen. Mention has been withheld until the last of the inspiring and piercing message of the Rev. Fred Woodard, of Shelbyville, Tenn., who in a dramatic way took us to the Methodist Mission in Poland. He at one time was a missionary there, and at our institute did a real piece of mission work.

The ladies of the Pontotoc church served a delicious lunch, during which time much fun and fellowship was enjoyed.

REPORTER.

A SOUTHERN QUESTION

(Continued from page 5)

ren ninety-two years ago and the Negro is still here with greater powers to make trouble now than he had then.

A most serious phase of this matter is the question of race relations. I think the circumstances of my life warrant me in saying that I can approach this subject without hostility to the Negro. Born on a cotton plantation. I became before the completion of my first year an owner of slaves. They were my play fellows in childhood—my friends, for many of whom I had a warm attachment all through life. Former slaves of my family named their children for my brother and myself. Besides spending my first ten years on a slave plantation, for fifty other years I knew them in business and had an interest in the products of their labors. Whatever else we may think of the Negro, his presence here is a fact and a serious one. Slave dealers of many kinds—Dutch, English, and New England Americans—went to Africa, enslaved him, and bringing him here sold him to the Southerner for gain. The Southerner bought him for gain. Attempts were made by Virginia in the Constitutional Convention of 1787 to stop this traffic. The Convention, with seven Northern votes out of twelve—one for each State—permitted the extension of the slave trade for twenty years. There were not enough Southern votes there to do this without the help of some Northern States.

The Literary Digest of January 2, 1937, carried reports of outcroppings in various places of voodooism, snake worship, fetich worship, etc. These outcroppings, relatively are not important, but are significant of the original state of the African when first entrusted to Southern hands. Under the discipline of slavery, he was divested of his gross heathenism, trained to labor, and forced to conform to at least the outward semblance of morality, and in countless cases genuinely converted to real Christianity. If the Negro's coming here was providential, then it is a wonderful compliment paid by God to the Southerner, in placing in his hands the keeping and uplifting of a degraded race. The meeting of this trust by the South is one of the brightest pages of history.

During the War Between the States, it was my fortune to live on a plantation with thirty slaves where my widowed mother and I were the only whites. While Southern men were absent in the Confederate Army there is no instance on record where the unprotected white women and children were ever injured by the slaves in any invaded section of the South.

But in this matter of race there is a bar, fixed and immovable—the bar against race mixture. Here we find in the attitudes of the pepole to be united religiously an irremediable difference. A noted Mississippi publicist declared some years ago, that, if there was ever racial amalgamation, it would come through the church. It seems useless to expect men to learn by the experiences of other men, but it would be well to turn our eyes to the vast continental regions extending from the Rio Grande to Cape Horn. That vast section was appropriated, held, and settled by two peoples—Spanish and Portuguese—whose religions ignored racial distinctions in the church. And today we see the whole of one great continent and a large section of another given to the indiscriminate mixture of three races of men. The colonies of peoples having a different church polity have not so fared.

I quote here from an article by Dr. J. F. Yarbrough, a well known Southern Methodist layman, which was published in the Montgomery (Ala.) **Advertiser:**

The Northern General Conference at their meeting in 1932 passed a law granting the Negro full social and racial equality. They further decreed that their General Conference should never again be held in any city in which racial discriminations are made. Here is an item taken from the New York **Christian Advocate** of June 4, 1936:

"'Due to Dr. Tittle's resolution at Atlantic City in 1932, the General Conference of 1936 experienced the thrill of rising completely free from racial discrimination. Not only did the delegates of all races share the floor, but they moved through the chief hotels and shared the most exclusive dining rooms. Many men and women had a rich sense of Christian exaltation in this high experience.'"

A highly probable result of the membership merger would be to increase the already regrettable tendency of the ministry to be too much interested in politics. This political tendency has always been characteristic of the Northern brethren. General Grant is credited with the remark that "the Methodist Church was the left wing of the Republican party." Regardless of which party is favored by the church, this is not the field for church activity.

Our ministry seems tempted to follow the lure of the social gospel into the field of civil government, and so to make the church totalitarian in trying to influence all the activities of the citizens. We do not want a church that trespasses on the functions of the State any more than we want a state that trespasses on the functions of the church. Totalitarian churches are not more desirable than totalitarian, that is socialistic, States.

A question of such great importance should be understood, considered, and fully discussed before final action is taken. Our church papers should not only discuss this question, but their columns should be open to a full expression of the sentiments and views of our people.

The terms of this proposed merger are known to few and understood by fewer still. About all that the majority of the people know of this question is that our people will comprise a minority in the new organization, and that minorities are controlled by majorities. As a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who has been in its ministry for fifty-four years, I hereby, on my own behalf and on behalf of the countless uninformed people of the church, earnestly call upon that great church statesman and lawyer, Bishop Collins Denny, to explain to us fully the terms upon which this proposed merger is to be effected. This is too serious a matter to be lightly passed in a conspiracy of silence.

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, APRIL 11

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

THE SIN OF ADAM AND EVE

Sin is a difficult problem, whether we consider its introduction into the world, or its elimination from life. In the lesson it is portrayed as coming from the voluntary act of man in violating an express command of God. Its advent through the wiles of a serpent is meant to indicate its subtle treachery and slimy character. Its history has been despicable enough to justify the use of the most horrible pictures or similes in our efforts to warn and forewarn youth against falling victims to its clutches. It is hard to believe that Adam or any man could or would fail God after having been made in his image and given a place of dominion over the world. The tragic experience of our time and people forbid our railing at Adam and Eve. At least they had no opportunity to observe its wreck and ruin till it had seized upon their own vitals.

The tempter still pursues the same method used in the garden—"eat and know," "have your own way and become as gods," "let the boy assert his freedom and thereby become at once a man!" The knowledge of righteousness illumines and purifies, but the experience of sin sears and sullies the very soul. Millions of people would give the world if they had never partaken of its guilty knowledge, and another world if they could only forget what they have learned. Sin has brought them shame and regret, the humiliation of corruption and failure, or else the brazen face that cannot blush and the hardened heart that cannot feel. Sin offers nothing new, not even novelty of form. Probably no new sin has been invented during the years of recorded history. Only the setting is new. Under the glare of arc lights men and women of the modern city commit the same sins of greed and lust and violence wrought by the ancient dwellers on the dim streets and dark alleys of Sodom and Gomorrah. Only today there are more bleaching bones and grinning skeletons along the way. And men still succumb to serpents!

The consequences of sin are both material and spiritual, personal and social, immediate and deferred, but cumulative always. Men reap what they sow, but they reap more than they sow. Little children are called to help reap father's wild oats, and the community often has to suffer from the misdeeds of a single citizen. As fearful as are these effects, they are as nothing compared to separation from God. Men are prone to take God's favor for granted till sin has shut him out from the soul and they stand helpless and bewildered, without God and without hope in this world or the world to come.

Still, Law and Gospel come from one Author and are bound in one Book. The door of salvation is never closed to a penitent heart. Even in announcing the fearful penalty of sin, God proposes a remedy and kindles hope for reconciliation and return. If the prophet portrays the sinner in darkest colors of guilt, he also points to a fountain of cleansing that shall make him a saint of light, tells him how to become better than he has ever dreamed he could be. The God of inexorable law is also the God of redeeming love and unfailing mercy.

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The Christian Fireside

A PARABLE OF RECESS

By John Irwin

The house in which I live is across the street from two public schools. Occasionally, I look out my window and watch the children at recess. It reminds me of my own grade-school days—it is so different.

In my youth the whole school was turned out for the same fifteen-minute period. Boys of all ages ran over each other. The big and the strong grabbed all the equipment, pre-empted the best space for baseball or football, or bullied and swaggered. It was a poor recess that did not hear the cry of "Ki yi yi," that brought all the boys scurrying to encourage two gladiators to knock one another's blocks off.

Over on the girls' side I suppose the same process went on, for in those benighted days a fence and a row of high shrubbery separated the sheep from the goats, and the sexes were carefully protected from learning anything about one another. But doubtless the big girls grabbed the best places to play jacks or jump rope, thus developing those techniques which would enable them to get their men later on.

As I look across the street one or two rooms come out at a time. They do not run around hit or miss, but under the direction of the teacher or a member of the physical education staff, boys and girls together play games of skill and of body building value. Big and little, weak and strong, boys and girls—all have an equal chance at the values of exercise and play. At first sight someone may charge that these children are regimented. Big boys aren't free to torment little ones; children can't run anywhere they like or do anything they please. But who will doubt that every child has a more real freedom than under the old system?
—Christian Advocate (New York).

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THE TONGUE

The tongue is one of the smallest members of the human body yet the most difficult to control.

The Apostle James describes the tongue as a fire, a world of iniquity, that it defileth the whole body, and it is set on fire of hell, Jas. 3:6. He also tells us, "If any man seemeth to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, that man's religion is vain."

How many hearts have been made to ache by unkind and hasty words! And many a fair life blighted by the slanderous tongue.

"Oh, words, words, dangerous enemies of the soul." This exclamation should stir one's very soul to the need of bridling the tongue.

The psalmist exclaimed, "I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue. I will keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked is before me." Yet he found it necessary to pray: "Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and keep the door of my lips."

There are two rules that should be written on every heart: Never to believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it to be true.

Never tell even that, unless you feel it absolutely necessary, and that God is listening while you tell it.

"If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." Jas. 3:2.

One should ever pray as did the psalmist: "Let the meditations of my heart, and the words of my mouth, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

MRS. E. W. SOREY.

TWITTERINGS OF TIMOTHY TWIG

By Rev. R. H. Bennett

Men, Like Turtles, Must Live in the Shells They Build

A kind-hearted rich man brought the plans of a home to a young builder and said, "Build me the best house you can from these plans. I am particular about its being well built. I want to give it to a friend when it is finished." He then went off on a trip.

The builder was a thief. The man did not know it. He took every short cut he could, using inferior material of every sort, cheap lumber, too much sand in the cement and plaster, cheap plumbing, the shingles spread out too thin on the roof, etc. At last he slicked it over with cheap paint so that it looked pretty fair, and it was done.

Then the man, for whom he was building it, returned, and brought him the deed for the house and said, "It is yours. You were the man for whom I was having it built. You are young, just married and I wish you to live in your own home and be a happy and useful citizen."

The builder now has to live in that house. It is his. He built it. The public knows too well the fraud in its construction to buy it. And whenever the sap flooring on the porch rises up after a shower, or the cheap plastering cracks and falls, or the cheap paint peels, or the cheap plumbing leaks, or the roof lets in the rain, he knows he robbed himself and cheated himself and swindled himself.

Every man swindles himself when he does conscious wrong. Every man is building a house. It is his record—himself. He has got to live in it a long, long time. Let him get the plan for his life from the Great Architect, use proper material and daily follow the specifications. For

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Methodist Women

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

The first zone meeting of the year was held in the Vaiden Methodist Church on March 2, 1937, opening with prelude by Mrs. Graves, of Vaiden.

Mrs. V. A. Gee, of Vaiden, conducted the devotional, using the parable of the Talents, Matthew 25:14-29, to stress our opportunity for life investments that would be enduring rather than fleeting, such as stocks and bonds often are. A letter of appreciation for cooperation and loyalty shown her was read from the Past President, Mrs. Harold Flowers, of Kilmichael. A rising vote of thanks was given her for faithful service as chairman. The new chairman, Mrs. Boyett, of Vaiden, asked for cooperation and pledged her best.

Because of Mrs. Taylor Everett's absence, her interesting paper on "Officers' Training Day—Duties of Officers and Members," was read by Mrs. Holmes, of Columbiana.

"Our Efficiency Aim" was very efficiently discussed by Mrs. Townsend, of Winona. Mrs. Lawhon and Mrs. Gladney, of Carrollton, presented a playlet, "Arthur Takes a Walk." This playlet concerned the helpfulness of Young Women's circles.

The great need and helpfulness of Spiritual Life Groups was told by Mrs. Greenlee, of Kilmichael.

Mrs. H. A. Lott, of North Carrollton, convinced us that the World Outlook was worth much more than one dollar.

Stewardship was presented by Mrs. D. Ashford, of Vaiden.

All societies read good reports.

There were present: Winona, 10 and pastor; Columbiana, 7 and pastor; Kilmichael, 6; Carrollton, 7 and pastor; North Carrollton, 7 and pastor; Vaiden, 8; visitors, 4. Revs. Mounger, Langley and Lawhon made very inspiring talks. Mrs. Boyett was unanimously elected as delegate to Annual Conference. Next meeting will be held in Columbiana.

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Mrs. V. C. Durham, of Alligator, writes thus: "In summing up our first quarter's work in the missionary society we decided that one of the outstanding achievements is that we have completed our Bible and Mission Study until fall and we are now planning to cooperate with our pastor in presenting to the Church a Home Mission book.

"We had splendid attendance in our study classes, which were led by Brother H. B. Gladney, who is a most capable and interesting leader. We feel that we have received much inspiration and are more missionary-minded than ever before."

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In Memoriam

MRS A. E. ROGILLIO

Mrs. A. E. Rogillio, formerly Miss Gertrude Austin, was born on July 15, 1859, at Lakewood, Pointe Coupee Parish, La. Moved to West Feliciana Parish in 1861. Married on December 23, 1883. Moved to Tunica in 1900. Died on March 20, 1937.

At an early age she joined the M. E. Church, South, and had been a very active member of Tunica church for many years. She was also an active and beloved member of the Eastern Star Order.

Sister Rogillio had been in failing health for several years. At times she seemed much improved, able to attend church and other gatherings in the community, but her last illness was of just ten days' duration.

She leaves her good and faithful husband, children, grandchildren, and one brother, also a host of friends and other relatives to mourn her death.

On March 21, at 11 a. m., many of her friends gathered at the home of Brother Rogillio to pay our last respects to the noble departed wife. We marched slowly to the family cemetery, a short distance from the family residence, to hold the last services in honor of the departed saint, for a saint she was, and so judged by all who knew her. There, under the majestic trees which for so many years she had viewed with great pleasure, there where the birds sang all day, nestled in the midst of the beautiful Tunica hills, the friends sang a few of the hymns she loved so well, and the pastor, Brother Nesom, delivered a most beautiful and appropriate message for the occasion.

We mourn for her and her loved ones, but for her we do not weep as those who have no hope, for as we turned away from that beautiful spot of God's wonderful handiwork, we felt assured that one of His handmaidens had gone to be with Him in that home long ago prepared for her.

E. M. MOUSER.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM C. STEWART

Captain William C. Stewart was born on February 13, 1854, and departed this life on November 12, 1936, at the ripe old age of 82 years and 11 months. He was born at Moccasin Point, in the Woolmarket community of Harrison County, some twelve miles from Biloxi, and spent a long and useful life, always making this community his home.

He was a leader in his community. He encouraged church work and for many years was a member of the Methodist Church. He fostered schools and education. He was instrumental in the organization of the first consolidated school in Mississippi and served as trustee for several years.

At the age of twenty-one he married Cecile Parker, of his home community, and with her spent a long, happy life. To this union were born eleven children, four boys and seven girls, all of whom were living, except two girls, at his death. The blessings of divine approval have been poured out in many ways on this godly family. Some nine years ago, "Uncle Billie," as he was known by those who knew him best and loved him most, and "Aunt Cecile," his devoted wife, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and lived over again, amid kinspeople and a multitude of friends, those happy days of fifty years ago. He was permitted to see all of his children develop into useful citizens and take their places in the front ranks of usefulness and service in the church and state wherever they chanced to cast their lot. At his death, 23 grandchildren blessed the homes of his children. In addition to his large family connection, a multitude of friends mourn his going.

His life was a life of simplicity. He meekly went about his daily duties and was kind and gentle. His deep sense of humor and jovial spirit added to these qualities and made his an attractive personality. He was retiring and often slow in expressing himself on important issues. But after deliberation he spoke, and his words were final, for truly his word was his bond. He was conservative but firm in his decisions.

He spent most of his active life at sea, plying the waters between Biloxi and New Orleans, and at various times was master of "The McCafery" and "The Ramsey." Many were the hardships experienced on the voyages of those early days, and many were the hours spent away from loved ones, thinking and longing for the time when he would reach home again. There was a reason. A welcome awaited him there, for love was in that home. He was always ready to sail and to serve. But now his voyages are over. The old boats are rotting away, but his immortal soul was ready when the final summons came and he sailed out with chart and compass on the great unknown sea, where God is, and some day we shall see him again on those beautiful shores, for we know that the reward of righteousness is eternal life through faith in his Christ.

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And then we will understand
Why you were called so early
To enter the promised land.

No one knows the silent heartaches;
Only those who have lost can tell
Of the grief that's borne in silence
For you whom we loved so well.

We think of you so often;
We miss your sweet voice and smiling face.
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The General Board of Christian Education will meet in regular session in the Chapel of the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn. Wednesday, April 28, at 9 a. m. The Committee on the Local Church will meet Tuesday morning, April 27, and the Executive Committee of the General Board will hold its first session on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock.

WM. F. QUILLIAN,
General Secretary.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Vicksburg District Conference will meet at Rolling Fork, Miss., April 14-15, opening at 9 a. m., April 14.

Wedesday, at 11 a. m., Rev. J. L. Neill, Conference Director of the Bishops' Crusade, will speak.

Wednesday evening, at 7:30, sermon by Rev. C. A. Schultz, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday, at 11 a. m., sermon by Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs.

The following are the committees: License to Preach—W. O. Sadler, C. H. Strait and J. M. Corley. Orders—T. C. Cooper, F. J. Jones and J. F. McClellan. Admissions and Re-admission—J. E. Gray, J. V. Bennett and J. B. Cain.

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GOLDEN CROSS

Supplies are being sent out from Dr. Emmons' office for use in the Annual Golden Cross enrollment. May 9 to 16 is designated as Hospital Week. The proceeds from the Golden Cross enrollment in this Conference go to help do the charity work at the Methodist Hospital, Memphis. If we will keep this in the forefront, and begin our plans now, we ought to make an enrollment in every charge in the North Mississippi Conference. Keeping in mind the words of our Savior, "Go thou and do likewise," let's do it.

T. B. THROWER,
Conference Director.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

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Rochelle-Tullos, at Rochelle, Apr. 4, p.m.
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Jonesville, Apr. 18, a.m.
Ferriday, Apr. 18, p.m.
Trout-Good Pine, Apr. 20, Q. C.
Lecompte, Apr. 21, Q. C.
Jena-Olla, at Olla, Apr. 25, a.m.
Grayson Circuit, at Grayson, Apr. 25, p.m.
Boyce, Apr. 26, p.m.; Q. C.
Glenmora, at Glenmora, Apr. 28, p.m.; Q. C.
Sicily Island, at Harrisonburg, May 2, a.m.
Winnfield, May 2, p.m.
Colfax-Montgomery, at Montgomery, May 5, p.m.; Q. C.
Melville, at Palmetto, May 9, a.m.
Marksville, at Evergreen, May 9, p.m.
Alexandria, May 10, p.m.; Q. C.; preaching May 16.
Bunkie, May 23, a.m.
Pineville, May 23, p.m.
Liberty Chapel, May 26, p.m.; Q. C.
Pleasant Hill, at Beulah, May 30, p.m.; Q. C.
Montrose, May 30, p.m.
Provencal, at Provencal, June 6, a.m.
Campti, at Campti, June 6, p.m.

Where Sunday morning is indicated the Q. C. will be held at 3 p.m., and where Sunday evening is indicated the Q. C. will follow the preaching service. Quarterly Conference only is indicated by Q. C.. District Conference will be held in Opelousas, April 13 and 14, beginning at 3 p.m. the first day.

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An Ancient Highway of the Far West

—Arizona Highways

On the route of the Spanish Soldiers and Jesuit priests from the missions of the Santa Cruz Valley to the rich silver mines of old Mexico.

Wallet of the Week

LOUIS XIV OF FRANCE was the author of the famous dictum: "I am the state." In the palace at Versailles, his pictures and his statues represent him as occupying the center of the sun. In those mute paintings and statues, he is symbolized as "King of the Sun." He was as pagan in his heart as were the worshippers of Baal or of Ammon Ra, and he was more conceited and blasphemous than the most daring of the sun worshippers, but time is a great leveler and today none do obeisance to the proud and haughty monarch.

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THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY at Tokyo, received some time ago an anonymous gift of fifty thousand yen in order to make possible the establishment of a course in the teachings of Christianity for the University. There has long been a course in the religion of Buddhism, but no such recognition has been given to Christianity. Through the generosity of this anonymous giver, a course in Christianity parallel to that in the religion of Buddhism will be given. The Japanese, like the Athenians of St. Paul's day, are at least hospitable to new truth.

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JOHN WESLEY'S INTEREST in medicine is shown in a recently acquired letter written by him to a Dr. Wilson of Newcastle upon Tyne. Mr. Wesley was writing about a tract dealing with "Circulation of the Blood," and with "Scurvy." He says that he is in agreement with the tract as to the cause of the motion of the blood, but he refused to accept the suggestion of kinship between scurvy and itch. He gives point to his opinion by saying that, in the course of forty years, he had caught itch "more than a hundred times," and he had never seen a type of scurvy which corresponded to it.

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CHRISTIAN LISTENING SOCIETY is the name of an organization in Norway whose purpose is to assist in the correction of abuses of broadcasting privileges, and to improve the quality in speech and song of Christian programs given over the radio. The British Broadcasting Company is very liberal in its assignment of time to Christian services and programs. The Director of religious broadcasts is a Church of England clergyman. His interest in religious broadcasts is, therefore, direct and not a sideline of commercial propaganda and worse, as it is so frequently in America. In England the commercial broadcasting has the limited lanes, but with us the emphasis is reversed.

THE MOST COMMANDING BEACON, as one leaves Jerusalem to the north, is on the site of ancient Mizpeh, where was the home of the prophet, Samuel. In its silent grandeur, it leaves the impression of standing guard over a city and a land of tragic history, but glorious hope. Not the tower, but the ashes of the great prophet have made that hill a shrine. A good man's influence lives on despite the degeneracy of the people who were blessed by his life.

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FAMINE IN CHINA is a story as old as the Celestial Empire. The almost unlimited territory offers the conditions for almost every kind of natural catastrophe known to the world. At the present time Szechwan, in West China, is in the grip of one of the worst drouths which has been witnessed in a quarter of a century. In Chungking, where the scarcity seems to be worst, two hundred people per day are dying of starvation. In order to meet the situation, four relief camps have been established, and the Government is doing what it can to cope with a situation which is too great for its resources.

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THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY is reported to be having serious trouble with the Bolivian Government. It appears that the Oil Company entered into an agreement to develop the oil resources of two and a half million acres, from which Bolivia was to receive eleven per cent on all the petroleum produced. The Government, dissatisfied with the arrangement, charged secret transport of oil to Argentina through a hidden pipe line, and that the Company was thus avoiding its obligation to the Government. Argentina made investigation and reported the charge groundless, but Bolivia appears to be determined to eject the Standard Oil Company and to confiscate its properties.

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THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT passed a law some time ago for nationalizing the traffic of the country in arms. Until recently only two aircraft factories had been brought under Government control and the cynics hinted that the great armament makers would not be touched. Announcement has been made, however, that Schneiders, national and international in influence, one of the most important and powerful manufacturers of arms in the world, operator of newspapers all over France, and owner of their own private banks, will be taken over for the liquidation of the interest of private owners. When that has been accomplished it will be a nationally owned and operated enterprise.

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EDITORIAL

THINKING INSTITUTIONALLY

The caption of this editorial is a phrase used by a discriminating British writer recently to describe a type of thinking which he believes is befogging the Christian mind and making unconscious contribution to chaotic conditions now prevailing throughout the world. The fault which he alleges is that such thinking confuses the form and the institution with the spirit which generates institutional organization. He thinks that such thinking begins at the wrong end of the process and that it tends to reason forward and leave out of account the vitalizing spirit in which social and institutional effort originates. He illustrates his thought by saying that the burning of churches by supporters of Spanish Government, that the Fascists are Catholics and that Marxism rejects the theistic faith of the church are assumed to be proofs of an anti-God movement. The writer thinks that such reasoning is the result of applying an institutional test and that it is wholly inadequate as an explanation of the struggle now going on in the world. He holds that such thinking is just as illogical as it would be to assume that Christian profession is a guarantee of loyalty to Christ, when, as a matter of fact, more than once in history churchmen have betrayed their Master. It was the Hebrew church-goer who achieved the crucifixion of Jesus. It was the synagogue which furnished both the opportunity and the problem, the peril, of St. Paul. So the baleful effects of controversy and denominational bickering are traceable to Christian altars. It is a mistake to assume that the faults of any side are to be accepted as a character credential for their opponents. Every situation should be thought through in the light of great Christian principles and no blanket solution or popular attitude can be made right or righteous by the endorsement or even the blessing of the church. Our difficult situation is probably very much complicated by the fact that about ninety-five per cent of our consideration is based upon institutional thinking, which is largely a vacating of responsibility by the adoption of a partisan position. Surely there is no worse despotism than that of an unreasoning allegiance to an opinion. Thought cannot be a guarantee of righteous attitude, but it does indicate an honorable purpose touching the issues by which we are confronted.

GRAVEYARDS

A number of years ago, we heard the late Rev. W. B. Hogg, then of the Mississippi Conference, preach a sermon in which he laid emphasis upon the fact that no one can attain the immortal satisfactions which God has in store without establishing a graveyard in the heart for the burial of thoughts, feelings, and practices which are in the nature of denials of the faith upon which the promise is given. It was the preacher's manner of saying that there is a consistency in Christian loyalty which requires the complete elimination of everything that tends to defeat the ends of holy and righteous living. He was dealing with one of the desperate problems of every life. It was the problem upon which Judas made shipwreck of his faith. It was the tug "of this present world" that swept Demas into the oblivion of forgotten souls. It is present when one surrenders to little things rather than risk the perils of great tasks. It is easy enough to avow allegiance to a lofty and a theologically exact creed, but the effort to translate such a creed into living loyalties is often a difficult and a disheartening task. Our greatest struggle is not with persons who oppose us—it is the contest which must be staged within our own hearts. It is the fight which we must make to slay and bury the sensuous desires, the unholy ambitions, the corrupting passions, and the blinding conceits which shut out the glorious horizon of that fulness in Christ—the privilege of the redeemed soul. In our earthly existence, the graveyard is a melancholy reminder of broken human relations, but in spiritual progress it is an evidence of that conquest and victory without which we cannot see God.

REMEMBERED THROUGH OTHERS

In the little Protestant cemetery in Rome, are two graves side by side. On one slab is the epitaph: "This grave contains all that was mortal of a young English Poet, who on his death bed, in the bitterness of his heart, at the malicious power of his enemies, desired these words to be graven on his tomb stone: 'Here lies one whose name was writ in water,' Feb. 24, 1821." A similar slab bears the name, "John Selwin," and the epitaph, "The friend of Keats." John Selwin lived for his friend, and for more than a hundred years the grave of Keats has been marked by the artless and pathetic phrase chiseled on the tomb of that noble soul. So one comes upon a slab in the pavement of the south cloister of Westminster Abbey which bears the inscription: "NUTTY, SUSANNA, URSULA, SAMUEL. 1725, 1726, 1727, 1731. INFANT CHILDREN OF SAMUEL WESLEY, BROTHER OF JOHN WESLEY." Samuel Wesley was the eldest son of the Epworth rectory, he was a clergyman of the Church of England, he was one of the founders of an infirmary in Birdcage Walk out of which two great London hospitals have grown, and he was master of Westminster school; but, after the lapse of nearly a hundred and fifty years, Dean Stanley, of Westminster Abbey, by whom the slab was placed, found it necessary to identify him as the "Brother of John Wesley" to whom as long as he lived the honor of preaching in Westminster Abbey was denied. Captious administrators, good or bad, may close the door of the temple in the face of deserving men, but just as time and circumstance reveal the quality of the granite, so also is revealed the worth of man. Many who thought not to shine in the light of a humbler name have found therein a monument when their own deeds have been lost in the mists which gather upon the horizon of the swift-moving years. Such reversals of fame and fortune are recorded upon every page of human history, for the impartial judgment of God reflects the facts as they are—not the opinions of contemporaries.

A STATEMENT

The editor of the Advocate does not assume responsibility for the views of contributors, but we do not publish articles which we have reason to believe are not altogether free from animus and attack. The article, "Those Four Doleful Years," carried in our columns some time ago seems to have been misunderstood by some good people, and we wish, therefore, to assure any who may have been disturbed by it, that it was a perfectly innocent piece of humor. We have known the writer for a long time, he is absolutely devoted to the pastorate, he does not live in our territory, he is well known, a man of fine spirit and is widely beloved. The article is really a piece of irony whose underlying assumption is that there is no better or happier place than the pastorate. Every proposition of the article is a misrepresentation of the writer's heart, and is intentionally so. Its very facetiousness is intended to be a means of paying tribute to the place of the pastor.

THE FAMOUS WESLEY OAK

The famous Wesley Oak, on Saint Simon's Island in Georgia, is at the end of a much used pilgrim path in these days of the revival of interest in our Methodist beginnings. Two hundred years ago, John and Charles Wesley and George Whitefield stood beneath its sheltering branches and preached to the Georgia colonists and to the Indians of the Island. Many legendary stories are told of the place, but they are not necessary to the fame of the sylvan chapel which was consecrated by the ministry of those great Methodist leaders.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

COMFORTABLE CORNERS

Certain gentlemen, more or less elderly, regular in their attendance at the public services of the church, have chosen for themselves the most comfortable seats available, usually the end of the pew, where arms as well as backs may have some degree of physical support. We find no fault with them for so doing, for, as we ourselves approach the period of middle life, we find ourselves more and more inclined to seek a favorable environment for all the exercises in which we may have occasion to engage.

In this connection, we have observed that certain thoughtless fellows of the baser sort have apparently no regard for the prerogatives of these settled and solid gentlemen of maturer years. Coming into the church house late, as is their custom, they choose for themselves these pre-occupied seats; and without so much as a "By your leave," they insert themselves between the end of the pew and the occupant as deftly as an expert oyster-opener separates the shell of the succulent bivalve. And the said occupant is as helpless as the said oyster—and we imagine his feelings are very much the same.

It is well that "all pews are free" in our churches; but by common consent a fine of at least "the tenth part of a dollar thrice computed," as O. Henry used to say—meaning thirty cents—ought to be levied upon any late-comer who pushes me out of my comfortable corner.

"Pushers" are all right—if they have proper regard for what and where they push.

Unification

EDITORS OF THE METHODIST PRESS

As laymen who are vitally interested in the work of Methodism, we have studied and analysed the proposed plan of Methodist Union.

We believe this plan to be dangerous to the life and usefulness of the Church, and are convinced that if the membership of the Church were informed as to its provisions and inherent dangers, it would meet with fatal opposition throughout our Methodism.

We therefore urge that all Methodists give careful consideration to this plan before the election of delegates to District and Annual Conferences so that these delegates may reflect in their decisions an enlightened and informed understanding of the omnious possibilities of this proposed plan of union.

Signed: Joseph A. McCord, Ss., Atlanta, Ga., Geo. S. Jones, Macon, Ga., John B. Hutcheson, Jonesboro, Ga., Z. C. Hayes, Sr., Elberton, Ga., R. J. Guinn, Atlanta, Ga., T. P. Bullard, Palmetto, Ga., D. B. Bullard, Baltimore, Md., R. M. Turnell, Madison, Ga., S. C. Candler, Covington, Ga., W. E. Thompson, LaGrange, Ga., Jas. M. Rogers, Savannah, Ga.

THE CRUSADE MARCHES ON

By Bishop John M. Moore

The forty-four rallies were eminently successful. The attendance was excellent everywhere and in some places extraordinary. The freewill offering at the rallies amounted to over $77,000, the most of which is already in the Treasurer's hands. Other individual gifts bring the total amount up to $90,000. This phase of the movement has been most gratifying.

The days from Easter to April 23rd and 25th now concern and employ us. In this period, the meaning, the purpose, the spirit and the power of the movement are to be brought to every church, or, so far as that church is concerned, it will fail. Participation—whole-hearted, intelligent participation—by all the people in all the churches is the thing most earnestly sought.

Doing Things Definite

The statement by the Bishops on the Bishops' Crusade should be read by, or read to, every member of our church. It should be read in every one of our sixteen thousand pulpits. It could be made the basis of a sermon or address by pastors and religious workers. The purpose of the statement is to focus the attention of the entire membership upon the present status of the life of the Church and to awaken new zeal for the deepening and broadening of spiritual life and action.

The Conference Directors are laying out splendid lines of procedure for making the Crusade count strongly during April. Every suggestion they have made is important and practical and should be put into effect. Their leadership is highly worthy and most commendable. Heed them.

There are some pastors, as always, who fear that emphasis on the Crusade and faithful carrying out of its program will embarrass their local situations. They fear that a freewill offering at the anniversary dinners will injure their collections for pressing church debts or for benevolences or for salaries.

All such pastors will make a serious mistake if they turn down this opportunity to broaden the interest and sympathy of their people. Every church that gets from this movement a true vision of what Christianity is doing in the world, receives new impetus and power for its own local situation. The Crusade, conscientiously carried out, will help every congregation in meeting its local responsibility. Such is my honest conviction.

APRIL

23-25

Preparing for Victory

Victory on April 23rd will depend upon the adequacy of the preparation made for it. It will be perfunctory without the genuine spirit of missions and missionary intelligence. To get, much preparation must be made. The day must be looked forward to with high anticipation. Something is to happen on that day. It should be marked by the kind of enthusiasm that goes with a church dedication after wiping out a church debt. That is possible if the month has resounded with Crusade emphasis and genuine efforts are made to have a fine program and a great occasion. Of course, nothing will happen if no one tries to make anything happen. Blessed is the man who tries to do something for he will not be disappointed.

On April 23 there will be the dinner, or supper, as it may be termed. Everyone will bring his offering. Some churches will sell tickets beforehand. Some will take the money at the door of entrance. Some may have a box or tub or jar and make a ceremony of everyone coming up and dropping the money in. Every group will choose its own way of doing its part in this magnificent movement.

But remember, the program is of primary importance. There will be a radio program, broadcast over forty stations, on which Bishop Arthur J. Moore and Bishop A. Frank Smith will give short addresses and musical selections will be given by the Scarritt College Chorus. In addition, there should be a capital address by some speaker chosen by each church for the occasion. That anniversary on April 23 should be long remembered by every church because of its forceful and effective presentation of the outstanding call and work of missions.

Circuits and Farmers

What about circuits? April 23 is an important day on the farms, and farmers will be busy. They can "take out" a little earlier on that day. A good spread can be had at the church before or just after sundown, if need be. Everyone can have a good dinner and be ready for the program. Many circuits will have a circuit dinner and some will have a dinner at each church. But by all means, with good judgment and good spirit, let the anniversary be made a worthy occasion on all the circuits.

The financial goal of $385,000 can be met if every Methodist is loyal to the program and will conscientiously make his contribution. With the wiping out of this obstructing debt a new day will dawn for all our missions and a new spirit of triumph will come to all our churches and all our church work. Sunday, April 25, will be a day of high celebration throughout our entire Church, when we shall recount what victory has come to the great movement. Make it a glorious chapter in the annals of Methodism.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE, DIRECTOR, BISHOPS' CRUSADE, AND DR. A. W. WASSON, SECRETARY, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, BOARD OF MISSIONS

My dear Dr. Wasson:

You are in constant touch with all of the problems and possibilities of our work in the several foreign fields. To your desk come all of the requests for additional missionaries and increased support for the promising young churches we have helped to create in many lands. I would appreciate a statement giving your views as to what can be accomplished by the payment of the present indebtedness of the Board of Missions, and the seventy-five or eighty thousand dollars which will be thus released for a forward movement on our several mission fields. I believe the Church of America would be interested in a statement from you.

It is a personal joy to be associated with you in the creative enterprises of the Kingdom around the world.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) ARTHUR J. MOORE.

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

At Algiers, where Rev. W. D. Kleinschmidt is pastor, eighteen members were received on Easter Sunday, and the finances are up to date.

Rev. W. T. Gray received twenty new members into old Felicity church in his pre-Easter services. That is a remarkable record for that church.

McDonoghville charge which includes Reserve reports twenty additions to the membership during the recent campaign. Rev. Henry A. Rickey is the pastor.

Parker Memorial church, New Orleans, where Rev. H. B. Hysell is pastor, reports the addition of eight members at the Easter services.

Rayne Memorial church, New Orleans, Dr. W. W. Holmes pastor, received forty-three members on Easter Sunday and a great throng was in attendance.

Bogalusa circuit received twenty-five members as a result of the recent revival and has acquired a lot upon which the people are getting ready to erect a chapel. Rev. Joe Spaulding, Jr., is the pastor.

Back-waters from Red River came within a mile or so of Marksvlile, where Rev. G. A. LaGrange is the pastor, but no point in the Marksville Circuit was seriously affected by the flood.

Rev. R. H. Harper, presiding elder of the Alexandria District, has just closed three weeks of preaching for pastors in the District—one week each at Marksville, Lecompte and Glenmora.

Rev. Ira W. Flowers, now in his first year at Gilbert, is moving forward in his work, and not the least of his plans is the successful completion of the Advocate quota.

Rev. Spencer J. McLean, Clinton charge, has been much hindered by illness in his home recently. His wife had double pneumonia and he has not been well himself, but the graciousness of his people found opportunity to assert itself in the affliction of the pastor and his family.

First Church, Bogalusa, is making ready to replace the Church School building recently destroyed by fire, with a better adapted plant. This work is in the capable hands of Rev. W. H. Royal.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare will be held in New Orleans, at the City Auditorium, May 6-9, according to announcement sent out by Miss Carmelite Janvier, the president.

Rev. J. T. Harris reports the greatest service of his ministry at Franklin on Easter Sunday. Attendance was four hundred and fifty and fifteen members were received into the church. A new church has been organized at Weaks Island.

Rev. A. W. Townsend had the joy of opening the new church at Gentilly on Easter Sunday. A revival is now in progress in the church, and twenty-five new members have been added on the charge—Second Church and Gentilly.

Rev. R. R. Branton reports favorably of the work at Natchitoches, a very important field. Local interests are getting ahead, definite plans are being pressed for the Bishop's Crusade, and Rev. Guy M. Hicks is to do the preaching in a meeting which is to begin on April 25.

The Methodists of Melville, with other citizens, were quite uneasy while the crest in the Atchafalaya moved slowly by their little city, which suffered such disaster from a crevasse a few years ago. Rev. C. B. Powell is the pastor at Melville.

Dr. M. S. Monk, pastor at First Church, Alexandria, conducted helpful pre-Easter services, which culminated in a great service on Easter morning, when a large number were received into the church. The sunrise communion service on Good Friday morning was largely attended.

Brother A. A. Stewart, of Shreveport, has been a subscriber for the Advocate for about fifty years, and he says he does not wish to give it up. New friends are a delight, but it is time which tries them and weaves them into our affections.

Rev. Jolly Harper received fifty-one members at St. Mark's at the Easter time and has acquired a lot for a new building in the Metairie section where a church was organized recently. That is a remarkable record for a mission church and a new organization.

Rev W. L. Doss, Jr., Lake Charles, had good attendance at both services last Sunday despite the rain at the evening hour. Eighteen members were received into the church.

Rev. G. W. Dameron, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, has been asked to assume charge of Liberty Chapel, an old church which was formerly a part of the Grayson Circuit, and he has already laid plans for intensive work in the rural field—the first being to reorganize the church school.

One hundred and forty-seven people who attended the Easter services at First Church, New Orleans, listed themselves as Methodists living in New Orleans, but having membership elsewhere. About nine hundred people were present for the morning service ,and thirty members were added to the church.

Rev. W. C. Scott and Hon. W. B. Clarke, of First Church, Monroe, are making preparation for a Bishops' Crusade dinner on the evening of April 23. It is the purpose of those in charge to see that First Church remains in the place of loyalty and leadership which it has earned by the splendid record made in the past.

During Holy Week Rev. G. A. LaGrange conducted special services at White's Chapel, one of the churches on the Marksville charge. Two weeks prior to that Rev. T. F. King, our pastor at Bunkie, assisted Brother LaGrange in a very helpful meeting at Evergreen. Our congregation at Evergreen, though never very large, has had an uninterrupted existence of ninety-nine years.

Rev. C. W. Lahey is having great success in holding monthly church conferences at Boyce. They are largely attended by the officers and leaders of the church and are used to initiate plans for advancement in the work. As an example, a recent conference undertook to supply the church with fifty of the new Hymnals, and they were secured and paid for in time for use in the helpful meeting which the pastor recently conducted.

Rev. R. H. Staples has placed the Advocate in twenty-five new homes of his charge. This list with renewals brings his number to eight more than his quota—a record which pays its own tribute to the ability and the leadership which have made it possible. We shall do our best to make a friend of every subscriber on this magnificent list.

Rev. W. R. Harvell, pastor at Lecompte, says that we may count on him for his quota, and that he appreciates the new arrangement of the paper. Dr. Harper, the presiding elder, did the preaching in a meeting there recently and Brother Harvell reports enthusiastically of the preaching and the administration of Dr. Harper. Dr. Harper paid the Advocate office an appreciated call a few days ago.

Mrs. J. S. Pigott, of Zachary, has been a reader of the Advocate for thirty-five years and a subscriber for thirty years. Naturally she feels that it is one of her closest friends. She wishes for information concerning the whereabouts of Mrs. Alice Brenn who was her teacher. Any reader of the Advocate who can supply the information will confer a favor by reporting either to Mrs. Pigott or to the Advocate.

Rev. Leon W. Sloan, D. D., Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in Louisiana, announces the appointment of Mr. Launcie Rachal, of Shreveport, as field representative. Mr. Rachal is a Presbyterian and his duties will be the organization of the young people in a campaign against beverage alcohol. Mr. Rachal has had some experience in the organization of young people already.

His address will be 930 Delmar Ave., Shreveport.

Rev. Ashley T. Law, pastor at Ponchatoula, sends a check completing the quota for his charge. Bro. Law has a consistent Advocate record. Seven of the subscriptions sent are new and there are renewals to follow. Substantial progress is reported in all lines of work—salaries, Conference and special benevolences, and property repairs. We have had personal experience with the work done by Brother Law and he never disappointed us in any detail of his undertaking.

Three charges of the Alexandria District were seriously affected by the flood now receding—Ferriday, Jonesville and Sicily Island. At one time Jonesville, where Rev. J. C. Sensintaffar is the pastor, was completely surrounded by the back-waters; Rev. J. C. Price of Sicily Island could reach one of his preaching places—Harrisonburg—only by boat, and the waters encroached upon some sections of Ferriday, where Rev. E. C. Dufresne is the pastor. Notwithstanding difficulties, these brethren had their services as usual, though Brother Price was compelled to make changes in his regular schedule to meet the situation. After the waters began to recede, these charges united in a service of thanksgiving on a recent Sunday afternoon at Ferriday.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT OAKDALE APRIL 20-21

The Lake Charles District Conference will convene at Oakdale Tuesday morning, April 20th, at 10:30 o'clock. The various representatives of conference institutions and interests are invited to be present and will be given an opportunity to bring to the attention of the conference such matters as they may deem advisable.

Dr. Dana Dawson will deliver the sermon Tuesday night and Dr. Hugh H. Harris, of Emory University, will deliver three lectures on "The Bible and the Christian Home," one Tuesday morning, one Tuesday afternoon and one Wednesday morning.

Rev. R. W. Faulk will be the pastor-host and the people of Oakdale will provide entertainment. The pastors of the district will please send to Brother Faulk the names of all who will be there Tuesday night so that homes may be provided for them.

BENJAMIN F. ROGERS,
Presiding elder.

HISTORY OF SOUTHERN METHODISM

The Trail of the Circuit Rider, by William Larken Duren. Chalmers' Printing House, New Orleans. Price, $3.

The editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and the author of several biographies of Methodist leaders, here traces the history of Methodism from its inception in Aldersgate Street in 1738 to the division of the church in America in 1844. From this date to the present time he follows simply the progress of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In so doing he writes the first extensive and unified history of this branch of the Christian forces in the United States. Conference by Conference, the issues, leaders, advances—and sometimes the recession—of the church are set forth. All branches of activity, including the educational, the missionary, and the philanthropic, find place. The Northern Methodist should gain from this volume a clear picture of his Southern brother. Dr. Duren, himself a Southerner, stands for unification. He sees the Methodist Church as a mighty body and faces the future with confidence that "so long as it maintains its evangelistic purpose and passion it will continue to be a militant force for righteousness and truth."—Zion's Herald.

STAPLES—THE ADVOCATE AND ELSE

Gentlemen: I am enclosing list of 22 subscriptions to the Advocate, accompanied by a check to pay for same. This gives us eight above our quota for this time. I am expecting a few more yet. This has been my easiest Advocate campaign and if you continue to improve the paper as you have since taking it over I believe that lists will continue to grow. We appreciate the spiritual note which you are sounding.

We had successful pre-Easter campaign and have had eight accessions to date.

Dr. H. H. Harris closed Bible conference here last night and his work was very helpful and satisfying. He is a fine gentleman whose coming has been a benediction to us.

I hope I have arranged the list of names so that you will have no trouble in getting them on your list properly. If anything is not clear I shall be glad to straighten it out for you.

Sincerely yours,
R. H. STAPLES.
Coushatta, La.

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WITH SWORD IN HAND

Others will write of Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon as brilliant scholar, convincing preacher, wise administrator and friend of Methodist union. It was my honor and privilege to be intimately associated with our senior Bishop in the last days of his life, and to see him as a gallant Crusader leading a charge with the sword of the Lord in his hand.

Beginning in the first of the Crusade Rallies at Washington, he was with us in Richmond, Charlotte, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham and Jackson, Mississippi. Never have I heard him preach as in these meetings. There was a glow on his impressive face and a song in his fine intonation, a conviction in his manner and a compassion in his heart that were simply irresistible. Seldom have I witnessed such a perfect blending of brilliant mind, warm heart and glowing passion.

The range of his themes was great. He did not impress me as one now speaking of things he had discussed in other sermons. He was not to be found in any beaten path. His ideas were fresh and compelling. His plea for the Church to advance and conquer put fresh courage in my own heart. The man, the message and the manner of its delivery will always cling to my memory. He was saying to Methodism what Cromwell said to his Roundheads at Marston Moor; Charge! Charge! In the name of God charge!

The final summons found him in the thick of the battle and he went from us to receive the reward of one who fought in the good fight.

ARTHUR J. MOORE.

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. Aletha Conerly, of Foxworth, makes us glad by the assurance that the coming of the Advocate each week is an event to which she looks forward with joyful anticipation.

Our good friend, Rev. C. C. Clark of Philadelphia, has given us renewed evidence of his unfailing loyalty to the Advocate cause, to which he adds a personal word regarding the editor's troubles. We appreciate both manifestations of interest.

Rev. F. L. Applewhite, pastor at Edwards, reports a meeting in which the spiritual life of the community was greatly quickened. He had the assistance of Rev. S. F. Harkey, Rev. J. V. Bennett, and Dr. W. T. Lowrey, the last named an outstanding and much beloved minister of the Baptist Church.

Rev. W. B. Alsworth, presiding elder of the Hattiesburg District, favors us with a program of his district conference which will be held at Broad Street, Hattiesburg, April 20-22. We note the assignment for the presentation of the Advocate cause on Thursday, and we hope to be present at that time.

Rev. Dan P. Yeager, now in his fourth year at Camden and Sharon, speaks in highest praise of his people. His work has been somewhat hampered by an epidemic of measles to which bad weather was added. He is putting on the Bishops' Crusade in all his churches and is looking forward to a vigorous revival campaign during the summer.

An appreciated note from Mrs. M. L. White, of Jackson, reflects the heroism of the years when she itinerated in the Mississippi Conference with her lamented husband. The editor has no knowledge of the details of the office and we act as receivers only, and we appreciate the spirit of those who, like Sister White, enter into our problems.

FROM MT. OLIVE, MISS.

Dear Dr. Duren: Just a few lines to report some of the recent happenings here in our church work. Easter Sunday was a good day with us in every sense. We began with a sunrise service that was helpful and inspiring. Then there was the largest attendance at Sunday school that we have had in two years. A class of seven boys, ranging in age from ten to fourteen years were received in to the church on profession of faith. After that there were more partakers of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper than at any time during this pastorate. In the afternoon, I had the pleasure of baptizing my youngest grandchild.

On material lines the church is progressing. The benevolences are pledged in full and would, I think, have had a large percentage paid by now, but for a painting program that was put on, that has resulted in needed repairs to and painting of the church building, putting it in first class shape. It is hoped that the parsonage too, will be included so that our property will all be in fine condition. We are not forgetting the Advocate either and hope to send in our full quota of subscriptions.

JAMES L. SELLS.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT GROUP MEETING

The northern group pastors of the Vicksburg District met in the Satartia church March 30. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Rev. J. V. Bennett, pastor of Gibson Memorial, Vicksburg.

The following pastors were present: Rev. T. J. O'Neil, J. V. Bennett, J. B. Cain, L. J. Snelgrove, B. F. McCleland, Wesley Ezelle, F. L. Applewhite, Rev. Henry T. Carley, assistant editor of the Advocate, was also present. Nineteen laymen and women were in attendance.

Devotions were conducted by L. J. Snelgrove, after which T. J. O'Neil led off with a discussion of The Bishops' Crusade; Its Origin and Nature. The movement is not an accidental movement hastily conceived without careful and prayerful planning; it is a providential movement that has been carefully planned to meet a great emergency in our Church's life. He showed that the Missionary and the Evangelistic phases of the Church's work are in essence one in aim and motive. The present challenge is for the recovery of the original warmth and zeal of Methodism, and for that type of evangelism which recognizes the World as its Parish. He stressed the necessity for paying at once the debt on the Board of Missions as a pre-requisite step to an advance on all the fields where our Church labors.

Rev. J. B. Cain discussed the Plan of the Bishops' Crusade, emphasizing the need to get busy and finish the task by April 23. The various items of the plan were gone over carefully, with the suggestion that it be regarded as flexible and that each man while applying the plan according to the peculiar conditions of his own field, neglect no opportunity to carry out its terms. Every Sunday must be used for putting this work before the congregations, and he assured us that success will surely be the outcome of our efforts if we emulate the example and catch the spirit of pioneer Missionaries who went out to China 89 years ago.

There was a general discussion of the methods used to take the Benevolent collections. There were assurances that the 50% asked for by Easter will be paid in by most of the charges. Gibson Memorial holds the record for the District, having raised and sent in about $200.00, with more soon to follow. In addition to that this church has already paid $75.00 to the Bishops' Crusade. Rev. J. V. Bennett is pastor of this up and going church.

Brother Bennet gave a good sermon on tithing. Dr. Carley spoke in behalf of a better support of the Advocate. Mrs. W. T. Hegman concluded the meeting with a beautiful prayer of consecration.

The pastor of the Satartia church, Rev. Fleet Jones, was kept from the meeting by a severe attack of the flu. Brother Gatlin was also unable to attend because of the cabinet meeting with the Bishop at Jackson.

F. L. APPLEWHITE, Sec'ty.

EAST END, MERIDIAN

Dear Dr. Duren: Will you let a former pastor of East End Methodist Church of Meridian, Miss., tell you about a recent happening there. Sunday, April 4, was the most notable day in the history of the East End church, as on that day it was dedicated, after years of struggle with a heavy debt. The church was built in 1921 and 1922, and then in later years a fine brick parsonage was built and that added somewhat to the debt, although payments were regularly made every year. Some months ago the present faithful and efficient pastor, Rev. O. S. Lewis, and his officials began to lay plans to raise all the remaining debt on church and parsonage and have the church dedicated this past Easter. It was found that $2,000.00 would pay all bills, so to work they went. Fine certificates were printed, suitable for framing, to be given to all contributors. When Easter Sunday came, great was the rejoicing, when it was found that the entire amount had been secured and more.

All of the workers acquitted themselves nobly, but none more so than Mrs. C. M. Martin, who on a quota of $25.00 for her Sunday class of little folks, turned in $215.00. Dr. T. D. Ellis, secretary of the General Board of Church Extension, was present and was in charge of the dedication ceremony, assisted by the pastor and this writer, after which, he preached a very helpful sermon, that was an inspiration to all that heard him.

Then came a dinner, served in the basement of the church by the ladies of East End and it was of the best. In the afternoon a testimony service was held, at which an opportunity was given to all who would to give any experiences connected with the building of the church or raising funds in the recent campaign to speak. An honored layman of Central church told of his experiences in the first organization of East End. His brother being the first pastor. Other thrilling testimonies were given and the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt by all.

At the night service Dr. Foster Gamble, editor of the Alamaba Christian Advocate, gave a very helpful sermon that fittingly closed the day. This writer cannot refrain from, in connection with this event, paying a loving tribute to the memory of the superannuate preachers who were such a help to him, during his pastorate there Brothers I. L. Peebles and C. M. Martin. Both were deeply spiritual, always kindly, courteous and thoughtful in their helpfulness. No pastor ever had better helpers than they. The official workers at East End, have been and are now of the finest, but are too many to name. Suffice it to say that Pastor O. S. Lewis and his officials deserve great credit for the glorious climax to their labors that came on April 4.

JAMES L. SELLS.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE AND DR. A. W. WASSON

(Continued from Page 5)

Dear Bishop Moore:

You ask me what can be done with the money that will be released when the debt of the Board has been paid. Many things leap to my mind as I begin to make out a list of things that are waiting to be done.

I think of the pleas of those two splendid leaders from abroad who have been assisting in the Bishops' Crusade, Bishop Cesar Dacorso of Brazil, and President T. C. Yang of China. With the passion and administrative genius of an Asbury, Bishop Dacorso is striving mightily to win Brazil for Protestantism. Brazil has the greatest undeveloped resources in the western world. Already she is the most influential country in Latin America and for good or ill that influence is destined to increase. Bishop Dacorso is calling for American missionaries to plant evangelical churches in new and rapidly growing communities. Surely we cannot fail to cooperate with such a leader in such a cause.

Dr. T. C. Yang is regarded by many as the best college president in China. Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, Ambassador Wellington Koo and other notables send their children to Soochow University, the school from which he graduated and of which he is now president. Those who heard him in the Bishops' Crusade saw something of his deep religious faith, his personal religious experience, and his winsome personality. Before starting back to China he placed in my hands a list of some of the things which are needed to make Soochow University strongly Christian and to prevent it from falling behind in the educational advance of China. The list includes missionaries, buildings and equipment and an increase in the annual appropriation of the University. He is securing and he expects to continue to receive much more money from the Chinese patrons than from us. But our help is essential, both to help make up the total needed by the school and to leaven the whole and make it Christian. If we could put one hundred thousand dollars into President Yang's hands, that would help him secure another hundred thousand in China and no one can measure the impetus that would thus be given to the advance of the Kingdom of God in China and in the world.

I recall a meeting with Bishop Kujimiya and other leaders of the Japan Methodist Church in Tokyo in January of this year. We had dinner together in the same hotel in which the extreme militarists had barricaded themselves in February, 1935. The men with whom I was meeting were no less patriotic and devoted to their country, but what a world of difference between the method by which they are trying to save Japan and the method by the extreme militarists. What a difference it will make to the world if the way of the Christian leaders prevails! It was an encouraging experience to hear these leaders of Japanese Methodism tell of their work. The drastic reduction in funds from America has placed suddenly a greatly augmented financial load upon the shoulders of Japanses Christians. They have responded nobly. The different lay leaders of the church reported that the laymen had made an especial effort and had raised a new fund of Y25,000 in 1934 and again in 1935. In 1936 they increased this to Y35,000 and they hoped to increase it to Y40,000 in 1937. But even with this increase, many of the Japanese preachers are really suffering and Bishop Kugimiya is greatly handicapped in his administration by an unbalanced budget. I hope the Bishops' Crusade can give some relief to Bishop Kugimiya.

In Korea since 1930, General Superintendent Ryang has been administering the work with devotion and ability in the midst of difficulties. Upon his shoulders also the reduction in funds from America has placed a cruel weight. He is eager and capable of leading well an advance. He is tantalized by the sight of unused opportunities for aggressive evangelism. I traveled with him across Manchukuo, and felt his contagious zeal for following with the Gospel the hundreds of thousands of Koreans who are moving into this rapidly developing country. He is asking for missionaries and money and has very definite plans for their placement and use. Here again if we want to win Asia for Christ, it is poor strategy to pass unheeded the call of a hard pressed but able and consecrated leader, for reinforcements.

I have mentioned but a few of the things that come to mind when I think of the use that could be made of new money. The list could be added to from every field. I think of missionary doctors and teachers and preachers in every field, whose skilled energies are cramped by lack of equipment and the necessity of petty economies. I think of missionaries advanced in years, carrying double burdens and troubled because no successor is in sight. I think of a group of younger missionaries, men and women, whose hearts are eager to enterprise a new approach to the rural billions calling for funds for this new adventure. I think also of eager-hearted and trained young men here at home who are ready to go to the mission field as soon as funds are available. Enough has been said to show that the real difficulty in answering your question consists in weighing correctly the relative importance and urgency of the many worth-while enterprises that clamor for consideration. I submit the following:

Proposed Future Use of That Part of Annual Income of Board Now Being Used for Payment On the Debt

1. Salary and allowance of 12 new missionaries (salary of man and wife varies from $1,215 to $1,624 according to field	$21,600.00
2. Outfit and travel to field for new missionaries	12,000.00
3. Increase of $100 each in salaries of 112 missionaries (Basal salary for man and wife would then be from $1,315 to $1,724 according to field. Before the cut it was from $1,500 to $1,900).	11,200.00
4. Aid in buying and building churches given on condition that an equal or larger amount is raised locally	15,200.00
5. Funds to be used in co-operation with National Christians for providing pastors' schools, salaries of preachers, Christian literature, and special evangelistic efforts	10,000.00
6. Improvement in equipment and additional grants to budgets of schools and hospitals	10,000.00
Total	$80,000.00

With deep gratitude for the Bishops' Crusade and praying that it may open the doors of many hearts to the Spirit of God, I am,

Sincerely,

A. M. WASSON,
Foreign Secretary.

Unless the church proclaims Jesus as the Divine Lord and Redeemer and the Ultimate Authority of God and His Truth, then the church has no further message for the world and her task is finished. It will be a tragedy unspeakable if the world should lose the One Man who can lead it out of sin back home.—Anon.

North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. Cora H. Turnipseed, Box 133, Leland, places us in her debt for a very gracious word of praise for the Advocate, which to her is as the visit of old friends.

The Batesville church held a very impressive service on Good Friday, according to report. The pastor and six visiting ministers delivered messages on the words spoken from the cross.

The pastors of the Sardis-Grenada District met at Sardis on April 13. Rev. G. H. Ledbetter was the preacher, and addresses were delivered by Revs. W. L. Robinson, Seamon Rhea, and C. T. Floyd.

Rev. W. W. Milligan, of Marks charge, is planning diligently for the Bishops' Crusade in his charge, and he is receiving enthusiastic cooperation from his people. He expects the charge to raise at least one dollar per member for the Crusade.

Rev. M. E. Scott, pastor at Sardis, is making substantial progress in the work of his charge. His Benevolence acceptance was practically paid in full by Easter and that achievement is indicative of the work in all departments.

At a recent meeting of the Young People's Union held in Batesville, Rev. W. C. Newman is reported to have delivered a very effective address for which he used the subject, "Black Without Trimmings." Rev. W. W. Milligan was chosen Adult Counsellor.

Mrs. J. D. Newsom, whose late husband was long a member of the North Mississippi Conference, is now living at 447½ Benton St., Hot Springs, Ark. She reports that she is doing well and we are glad to know that the lengthening shadows of the years fall softly upon her path.

Rev. B. F. Bullard, pastor at Shuqualak, has just closed a great revival in which he was assisted by Rev. Mathis Armstrong of Moorville as song leader. Brother Bullard did the preaching himself. Sixty conversions are reported, and also a revival of interest in the devotional life of the membership of the church.

Rev. C. A. Northington, pastor at Verona, sends a list of subscribers with the assurance that more are to follow soon. We have known Bro. Northington for many years and he always does faithful and conscientious work in every detail of his task. After all, not scintillating gifts, but work makes a great ministry.

Lambert charge, Rev. M. H. McCormack, Jr., pastor, is getting forward in a substantial manner. New Hymnals have been placed at Lambert. At Crowder, the New Hymnal has been installed, the church building is to be remodeled within the next thirty days, and Rev. T. B. Thrower is to be the preacher in a revival to follow the completion of the remodeling work.

Rev. Roy A. Grisham, the enthusiastic and capable leader of the work of Christian Education in the Conference is making a splendid record in his new field. As a mark of loyalty and appreciation, the Sardis-Grenada District where he resides, is undertaking to double the amount of the offering for Church School Day. The date for completing the task is set at May 16, or as near thereto as practicable.

A District-wide rally of the Adult work leaders of the Sardis-Grenada District will be held at Senatobia on May 30. Rev. W. L. Robinson and Rev. G. R. Williams, Conference and District Directors respectively, will be in charge. Others on the program will be Rev. C. T. Floyd, Ford Bufkin, Judge J. M. Foreman, Judge Herbert Holmes and Rev. Roy A. Grisham. Picnic lunch, "Wimpy style," will be served.

THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

Bishop Dobbs having called together the presiding elders, Bishops Crusade directors, and Conference lay leaders of his episcopal district, which embraces the north Mississippi, Mississippi, and Louisiana Conferences, this body assembling in Jackson, Miss., March 30, 1937, gave full consideration to matters pertaining to the Bishops' Crusade, and after detail discussion announce the desire of the meeting as follows:

1. Our Bishops having called us to the two-fold objective, spiritual, and financial, represented in the Bishops' Crusade, one to pay in full our missionary indebtedness, and the other to deepen the spiritual life of the church, we earnestly request a thorough, sympathetic, and whole-hearted response on the part of our entire ministry and membership.

2. The success of the Bishops' Crusade is essential to the furtherance of the missionary work of our church, and is imperative in the revival and advancement of the evangelistic and spiritual forces that make for normal progress of the Kingdom.

3. It is urged upon all pastors that the Crusade literature be used faithfully and wisely to give the necessary information, stimulus, and confidence, keeping before the people continually the important dates of April 23 and April 25, the Crusade dinners and the great missionary charge and church rallies on the following Sunday: that they follow carefully the publicity of the Crusade in the church and secular press, making the very best use possible of publicity in local newspapers and church bulletins.

4. The importance of the Crusade dinners is emphasized, and the pastor with his missionary committee, it is hoped, will initiate such plans and carry out such details as shall secure for these dinners the largest possible attendance and the finest possible success.

5. The program for the dinner should be carefully prepared, and include the presentation of the pageant which has been sent out from Crusade Headquarters, together with the radio broadcast arranged for the hour, these special features supported by appropriate songs and brief addresses as suggested in the pastors' manual.

6. The pastors' manual should be studied in detail for uniformity in the faithful execution of the movement.

7. The subscription envelopes are to be distributed with thoroughness—by mail, at services preceding the dinner, at the dinner itself, and also on the following Sunday, April 25, the day on which the offering is to be in hand, until every member has received an envelope and had due opportunity to make a contribution.

8. The pastor is to report immediately to his presiding elder the full amount collected and subscribed in order that every presiding elder may make the report for his district to Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Doctors' Building, Nashville, Tenn,. not later than Wednesday, April 28.

9. The pastor is to direct that all cash and checks be sent immediately to Mr. J. F. Rawls, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, Doctors' Building, Nashville, Tenn., and thirty-day pledges having been permitted, these are to be held in the local church and collected promptly, whereupon the money is to be sent in immediately.

Signed:
A. T. McILWAIN, Greenwood, Miss.
H. L. JOHNS, Monroe, La.
W. L. DOSS, JR., Lake Charles, La.
J. L. NEILL, Brookhaven, Miss.
W. B. ALSWORTH, Hattiesburg, Miss.
E. NASH BROYLES, Columbus, Miss.

FROM MOOREVILLE, MISS.

Dear Dr. Duren: Just a word to let you and the brethren know that we are still on the job on the Mooreville circuit, (Corinth District, North Mississippi Conference), and things are moving along very encouraging in this my fourth year at this appointment. The people have a fine spirit of co-operation, and they are making for us a most happy quadrennium. Our charge has paid practically half of its benevolent claims to date, and we are now in the midst of the Bishops' Crusade. All of my revival meetings are planned and we are expecting big things during the revival campaign. Brother J. A. Morgan, who is in his 85th year, has served as a steward on this charge for over fifty years, and is still one of our most effective officials: sends his greetings to you and to his many friends over the Conference. May God bless you and the paper in your great work.

A STATEMENT BY TRUSTEES OF GRENADA COLLEGE

A special committee, composed of Rev. C. A. Parks, Rev. A. T. McIlwain, and Mr. R. W. Sharp, appointed for the purpose of making an audit of the indebtedness of Grenada College, has made the following statement of indebtedness to the board of trustees:

First Mortgage Bonds Outstanding	$12,500.00
Second Mortgage Bonds Outstanding	5,500.00
Refunding Bonds Outstanding	33,500.00
Interest due on bonds	12,330.00
Notes payable	21,363.00
Accounts payable	11,266.00
Total	$96,459,00
Less certain securities of cash value	8,800.00
	$87,459.00

The above does not include $20,000.00 of bonds floated by the Conference Board of Christian Education for the benefit of the college, but which do not involve a mortgage on the college property.

At a called meeting of the board of trustees, held at Grenada, Miss., on Mar. 5, 1937, to which all the presiding elders were invited, and five were present and taking part in the discussion, the above report along with certain recommendations were submitted. After careful consideration the following plan was unanimously adopted.

1. A first mortgage bond issue not to exceed $50,000.00 to be floated to refund the mortgage bonds already outstanding.

2. The college commissioner, Rev. J. M. Bradley, was instructed to solicit conditional subscriptions for money with which to pay the entire remainder of the indebtedness, none of the money so subscribed or paid to be used for any purpose until the bonds have been issued and a sufficient amount of money secured to pay the indebtedness in full.

3. It was further agreed that certain men, preachers and laymen, throughout the conference be requested to assist Rev. J. M. Bradley in this campaign.

The details of this plan were referred to the executive committee, with Judge M. F. Pierce asked to serve in addition. After investigation the committee reports that the bonds can be floated. The Grenada Bank, Grenada, Miss., was chosen as depository, and Mr. Ben C. Adams, cashier of the Grenada Bank, as trustee, to receive all money raised until the bonds are floated and the necessary funds secured to liquidate the entire indebtedness.

C. A. PARKS,
A. T. McILWAIN,
R. W. SHARP,
Committee.

IT IS HEARTENING

Mr. Editor: I note with interest the report of Dr. T. M. Brownlee, presiding elder Jackson District, and very encouraging "possibilities" in the Corinth District, under the leadership of Dr. J. D. Wroten, to say nothing of the Aberdeen and other districts. I think these brethren will be interested to know that the Union City District, Memphis Conference, at a preachers meeting March 22, reported 56% of the benevolences "CASH IN HAND." My own pastor, Rev. E. M. Mathis, raised the whole of his benevolences Easter Sunday despite the fact that his people had just raised nearly twenty-four thousand dollars on their church debt. Two stations and three circuits in this district have raised the whole of their benevolent assessments. It is heartening.

JAMES H. FELTS.

Fulton, Ky.

IF I WERE A PASTOR

(From World Outlook)

Old stuff, one says. So it is, and a little worn, but at that not threadbare. It depends upon the situation and partly upon the mood of the moment. This writer was a pastor for seventeen years—a presiding elder, believe it or not, for a year, viewing pastors from that high point of vantage—and has never quit looking at every church situation from the pastor's point of view. In our best moods it is with the eye of envy. When we think what a pastor can do—far better than we ever did it, so clearly all that comes back now—over a business man's desk, in a home when there has been sorrow or sin, what a preacher at his best might say to a congregation of jaded, bewildered, yearning people in an hour like this, and of the pastor's influence with his congregation, hundreds of people, when their interest is sought and their co-operation in great projects.

Well, as we sat in the rally and felt the temperature rising, looked out upon the whole sweep of ground to cover in the Bishops' Crusade, and heard Bishop Moore telling of the response of the people in their crowding interest, in the generous offerings they made abroad and were making at home, and heard him frankly say: "I do not share Dr. ....'s optimism when he tells you that it's going to be so easy to do it from this point and on." We were thinking hard. Well, we said, these leaders, yes, presiding elders have their place, but right in the middle of it, the key man, surely, this time, stands the pastor, and as goes his enthusiasm, as stays his interest, so in the end the Crusade will come out.

And then came back that old feeling of envy, and we found ourselves saying, "If I were a pastor." It is a very personal thing, genuine, if one know one's heart, and so flits the "editorial we."

If I were a pastor, how glad I would be to stand in my place and lend a little hand. First of all, I think I would not wait until the good throb ceases, but take it at its strongest and yield to its compelling urge, and I would do it, not because the Bishops are calling or the Church lays it on me, but turning aside from innumerable heavy burdens, I would grasp this one for the love of it, the joy of it, step up a little onto another level, run this second mile, do this April 23-25 thing all the way through because I wanted to. Of course I would have a supper in my church, plan it, put on the memorial features and the educational frills, put on that pageant, arrange for the broadcast and get the people out to crowd any table or auditorium that might be available. If I were on a circuit, maybe I would do it by one in the churches, or more likely bring the people together at some central place on the memorial night and bring to them in the best that I could plan with the good Lord to guide and help, the greatest missionary meeting that had ever been held in any church!

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, APRIL 18

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

When the flocks of Abraham and Lot increased so that their herdsmen quarreled over pasturage, Abraham gave his nephew choice of the lush lowlands near the city of Sodom or the rural uplands where the grazing was more scant. Had Lot been less selfish he would have left the choice to Abraham, his uncle, who was older and who had favored the lad whom he had brought with him from Ur. He forgot all deference in his haste to be rich and to secure city advantages for his family, motives that have taken heavy toll of young men through the ages. The city is good only for those who steadfastly seek good. For the weak and the wavering it is fatal. Bad company, bad habits, bad character, failure, despair, destruction tell the story of multitudes who have left the peace and quiet of the country for the strife and turmoil of the city. Righteousness is better than riches, and the welfare of the soul than the comfort of the body. Lot made a bad choice.

False gods lead to faulty living, regardless of their claims. They are not a protection but a menace. Their vine is the vine of Sodom and their wine the poison of dragons. All harks back to an evil origin. The youth who compromises his convictions by accepting false or unworthy standards—and nothing is worthy but the highest—is pitching his tent toward Sodom. There is a time in the life of every youth when he loathes vice and intemperance, when he scorns the way of the drunkard and the debauchee. It was so with Lot, but little by little he was engulfed in the slime of Sodom and witnessed the wreckage of the family whose interests he had set out to protect and to promote. Wrongdoing can never be made to pay.

For ages men have known the social evils and personal disaster resulting from the use of alcoholic beverages, but only within recent years have they been able to look on the inside as with an x-ray and discover the physiological effects of even small doses of this terrible drug. Its true nature was long unsuspected because its users claimed that it brought a sense of release and exhilaration, as they still do, and as do the addicts of all narcotics. Carefully controlled scientific laboratory tests prove exactly the opposite effect. All nerve action is slowed down, muscular reaction is retarded, vision and hearing are dulled, digestion is delayed, and every drink does some damage to the heart and the kidneys. In short, there are immediate inward results similar to the slower effects visible in the bloodshot eyes, the reddened nose, the puffy tissues, and the halting step of the habitual drinker—though he may never have been "drunk." Life is so certainly shortened that insurance companies either refuse the risk or increase the premiums. If alcohol does not predispose to disease, a doubtful claim, its use does lead to needless exposure and danger.

Its physical damage is small compared to its detriment to the finer mental qualities, and the finest of these is the first to be impaired. Moral judgment, delicacy, sense of fitness, discretion, self-control are first to go. The sense of proportion is lost. The ego is exaggerated; others are depreciated. Great things seem small and small things great. Danger seems inviting, fast driving seems safe, and close places seem roomy enough. Coarseness seems wit, and silliness wisdom. Looseness of tongue makes up for dullness of brain. Alcohol soothes while it kills, stupefies while it destroys. That is the verdict of science as well as of the ages.

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The Christian Fireside

"OLD KATE"

By Addie Boom

She was nibbling grass along the hedge, when a car rattled by. She shied away from the noise, turning her head side-wise, cocking her ears, and trying in vain to see with her sightless eyes. As the sound subsided ,"Old Kate," 30-year-old mare lowered her head and resumed nibbling. The morning sunshine glinted upon her once handsome coat of golden chestnut and warmed her stiffened legs.

Several rods away the noisy car came to a halt and sudden silence. Just then Old Kate's owner reached the end of the rows of corn which he was cultivating. As he stopped his team he heard his neighbor of the tin vehicle call: "Hello! Jim. How would you like to trade that old mare back there for a calf?"

Deliberately Jim left the cultivator and leaned against the fence. Eying the would-be bargainer curiously, he inquired: "What kind of a calf you want to trade, Ed?"

"O!" replied Ed, "he is a good calf—a Durham grade."

Jim pointed to the splendid span of horses hitched to the cultivator. "Those are her colts," he said: "The boy is mowing with another pair almost like 'em, another one stands in the barn, besides the team I sold my brother. Over in the woodlot runs a couple of her granddaughters—likely yearlings too. Why, man," he continued, "Old Kate helped me clear this farm, yes, and helped me pay for it. She has earned her keep while she lives and a grave when she dies. No, Ed, if your calf were made of gold I wouldn't trade, and I'll like you better if you don't mention the subject again. Good morning."

Jim rode across the field, whistling softly, while his neighbor rattled away down the road.

Somehow to me the sun shone brighter, and the birds sang sweeter, as I looked across the meadow at Old Kate, contented and secure, and made a fervent wish that there were more folks in the world like Jim.—Our Dumb Animals.

THE MINISTER THEY WANTED

(From the Windsor Star)

There is a story going the rounds about a small congregation of The United Church hunting for a new minister. The board members were perplexed and they sought the aid of one of the chief executives of the Church, who happened to be in their city on official business. The executive met the board and they told him what they had in mind. One man suggested they needed a great orator and pastor; another said the man they wanted would have to be a genius for organization; another put in that they needed someone with an eye to finances; another intimated that they would require a good politician to keep the various factions in mind; another wanted someone with athletic ability to coach the young. The Church executive listened attentively and then said: "Well, gentlemen, all you want is a cross between Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, Sir Edward Beatty, Hon. Charles Dunning, Premier Hepburn and Lionel Conacher, and you want to get him for one hundred dollars per month; I tell you, it can't be done."—The New Outlook.

DOE'S APPEAL SAVES BABY FAWN

By Rosa M. Halemba

This is a little story about "Fanny," the tame deer that has been photographed, petted and fed by tourists for years at Lake MacDonald hotel in Glacier National Park.

Each summer for many seasons Fanny has appeared with two fawns, delivering herself and young ones into voluntary imprisonment within the hotel corral. This year, however, she returned from the woods with only one fawn. No sooner had she brought her offspring into the corral than she turned hoof and ran back into the woods. Day after day the mother returned and fed her young one. After the feeding she would snort, stamp around and depart again into the woods.

One morning she came back and fed her fawn, then ran up to Nick, the hotel gardener, and repeated her strange antics. "I believe she's trying to tell us something," said Nick. The gardener decided to follow her. Fanny showed unmistakable glee. She loped ahead into the woods, turning around every few feet, snorting and prancing and waiting for Nick and a few others to show up.

At last she led us to her secret, another fawn, hopelessly entangled in some old, discarded fence wire. The dutiful mother had kept it alive and strong by her daily nursing visitations. The gardener extricated the young deer and the pair pranced off toward the hotel corral.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
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The twenty-seventh annual session of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Missionary Society was held in Homer Mar. 30-April 1, with Haynesville Society co-hostess. Fair skies attended the session and Louisiana hospitality abounded. An exceptionally good program had been arranged and the spiritual atmosphere was most evident.

Special guest-speakers who appeared on the program were as follows: Miss Anniemal White, missionary from Africa; Dr. Pierce Cline, president of Centenary College; Miss Julia Reid, rural work, Eldorado, Ark.; Mrs. Lily Djang, Shanghai, China; Miss Itanko Saito, Japan.

A most intensely interesting program was given the first night. The theme was "Answering the City's Call." Mrs. Mary Freeman of Shreveport, Miss Margaret Young of St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans, Deaconess Grace Gatewood, First Church, Shreveport and Rev. A. C. Lawton, pastor of Cedar Grove church all told of the various types of work of city missions.

The next morning the "Rural Situation In Louisiana" was the most challenging subject for discussion. Rev. H. L. Johns, presiding elder of the Monroe District, Deaconess Sheila Nuttall, Conference rural worker, Miss Ella Hooper of MacDonell School and Mrs. W. C. McDonald of Sexton Chapel all made vivid to us the opportunities for service in the country-side.

The reports of the officers and district secretaries all showed the splendid achievements of the seven thousand women of Louisiana.

A most interesting hour discussing "Field Work" was ably conducted by Mrs. Ledbetter and the seven district secretaries. As the reports of the districts were heard, each had excelled in some particular line of work. Baton Rouge, Lake Charles and New Orleans Districts had overpaid their pledges to the Conference, with the Ruston District running a close second to them. Alexandria, Baton Rouge and New Orleans Districts showed gains in per capita giving. Lake Charles District recorded the largest net gain in membership. Shreveport District led in life memberships, week of prayer and Houma Day offerings.

The president's message was one of the highlights of the Conference and excerpts from it will be given in this column in another issue.

Miss Anniemal White, missionary from Africa, now on furlough, set the spiritual tone of the conference with her devotional messages which revealed to us the great power of a life that is wholly consecrated to the work of the Lord.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

Mrs. Will Marshall of the Batesville auxiliary writes of her problems and successes. Notice her report of Spiritual Life Group activities.

We met in January for our Pledge Service which resulted in an increased pledge over last year. We meet twice each month. The first Monday is for business and program from leaflets, World Outlook and Bulletin. On the third Monday we have a study and social program when we meet in the homes and have refreshments. We try to have some novel feature additional for raising local funds. Another method we use is the Birthday Dollar and the Penny-a-Day bags which add quite a bit to the local fund.

We have just spent an enjoyable season studying "Songs in the Night." In our Spiritual Life Group we are studying "The Presence of Jesus" by Weatherhead. This book is indeed a treasure and should be read by each member of the society. We are also studying "The Upper Room" for home use and when we start going into the homes of our shut-ins we shall use it there. There is no other phase of our work in which to grow more in grace and service than in the Spiritual Life Group.

We have no Young Women's group this year but our president is a young woman and by that means the younger women are joining our society and coming when they can. We have added several new members but we are losing two of our fine members who are moving to other towns on account of their husbands' business.

Our church and society was well represented in Sardis at the Missionary Institute. We are to entertain the District Missionary Meeting the second week in April. Our zone has had one meeting that was well attended. We are to entertain the next one which will be held some time the first of the second quarter.

From Mrs. H. P. Thomas, the Ruleville superintendent of publicity, we have the following paragraphs concerning the World Outlook.

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In Memoriam

JAMES K. POLK HUMPHRIES

James K. Polk Humphries was born June 24, 1847, in Monticello, Ark. He was the oldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Amos Humphries, prominent pioneer settlers of Arkansas. He died February 12, 1937, at the age of 89 years, 7 months and 19 days.

Funeral services were held at the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church of Jena, with Rev. H. W. Rickey, the pastor, in charge. He was assisted by Rev. B. T. Goodwin, Jena Baptist Church, Rev. L. D. Posey, East Jena Baptist Church, Rev. E. C. Dufresne, Ferriday Methodist Church and former pastor at Jena, and Rev. D. W. Milton, Methodist Church at Trout. Each of these paid glowing tribute to Mr. Humphries's life as a Christian man who was a devoted church member since early youth and was still attending church and Sunday school regularly, and being active in civic and business affairs up to the time of his death.

From early in life Mr. Humphries took active and devoted interest toward the church, having donated the land and assisting in the furnishing of the material, and building of "Little Star Union Church." Later he again donated the land and helped to build Masters Chapel, one of the oldest Methodist churches in Caldwell parish.

Mr. Humphries later moved to LaSalle parish, and was one of its oldest citizens, and one of its most beloved. He numbered his friends by the hundreds. Many of them being prominent professional men of the state. The high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him was evidenced by the overflow crowd that attended his funeral, as well as the profusion of floral offerings that completely enveloped the chancel of the church.

He was a lover of home and family and always said that one secret of his long life was the fact that he never dissipated in any way, and had always honored his father and mother; followed the Golden Rule; loved and served God, and endeavored at all times to live his life on Christian principles. He was always happy and cheerful at his work, nearly always humming the tune of some religious hymn while he went about his duties. He enjoyed immeasurably good health and mental and physical vigor for a man of his age and only two days before his death he was seen in the business section of town.

On February 1, 1872, he married Miss Mamie C. Godfrey, the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Godfrey. Recently they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in their home at Jena.

Beside his life-long companion he is survived by three sons Mr. C. I. Humphries of Jena, Mr. B. G. and Mr. P. M. Humphries of Kelly, two daughters, Mrs. W. Grayson Reed, of Shreveport, and Mrs. James P. Noble of Jena, nineteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Volumes could be written enumerating the fine qualities of this good man, yet the highest tribute that can be paid to him is to say that he was a Christian in every sense of the word and that he lived his religion daily before men. To know him was to love him. To love him was to love his Christ. Truly one of earth's great souls has left us to make Heaven that much more attractive and beautiful.

His former pastor,
EDGAR C. DUFRESNE.

Ever take it for granted that man collectively wishes that which is right, but take care never to think so of one!—Schiller.

The Bible is the only source of all Christian truth; the only rule for the Christian life; the only book that unfolds to us the realities of eternity. There is no book like the Bible for excellent wisdom and use.—Sir. M. Hale.

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GOOD NEWS!

MANY CHURCHES ARE LICKING DEMON DEBT

By Bob L. Pool,
Division of Finance,
General Board of Church Extension

We are happy to broadcast the good news that Southern Methodism is in the midst of a joyous and victorious movement toward spiritual vitalization and debt paying. From all sections of the Church there comes report of debts being paid in full or satisfactory payments being made. These statements apply to churches which do not have loans from this Board as well as to those which do have loans from us.

We wish to take this means of expressing our most sincere thanks to all pastors and churches that have already achieved success in debt liquidation and to those who are now engaged in this urgent adventure. The Board of Church Extension is grateful for having the opportunity of serving in this respect. We are glad but humble to say that since the institution of the Division of Finance among other things through the efforts of this new service church debts totaling $67,378.34 have been paid, 11 churches have paid their debts in full and 16 have made substantial payments.

Often two conflicting statements are heard. Some say that the debt cannot be paid until we have a revival while others say that we cannot have a revival until the debt is paid. We say, "Unite the two in one effort—Spiritual Vitalization and Debt Paying!"

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That you cannot whitewash yourself by blackening others.

That success comes in cans; failure, in can'ts.

That a day of worry is more exhausting than a week of work.

That a sign on the door of opportunity reads, "Push."

That cheerfulness is what greases the axles of the world.

That a dead fish floats down stream; a live one goes up.

That luck needs a "p" in front of it to make it worth while.

—The Mountain Presbyterian.

A person might be "won" to a church by a card party but it takes something else to win him to Christ.

Every advantage has its tax, but there is none on the good of virtue; that is the incoming of God himself, or absolute existence.—Emerson.

New Orleans District—Second Round

Bogalusa Ct., April 11, 8:30 a.m.
Bogalusa, First Church, April 11, 11 a.m.
Pearl River, at St. Tammany, April 11, 3:30 p.m.
Felicity, April 14, 7:30 p.m.
McDonoghville, April 15, 7:30 p.m.
Second Church and Gentilly, April 16, 7:30 p.m.
St. Mark's, April 18, 7:30 p.m.
First Church, April 21, 7:30 p.m.
Carrollton Avenue, April 21, 7:30 p.m.
Covington, at Waldheim, April 25, 11 a.m.; Q. C. 2 p.m.
Slidell, April 25, 7:30 p.m.
Algiers, April 28, 7:30 p.m.
Epworth, April 30, 7:30 p.m.
Donaldsonville, May 2, 11 a.m.
Houma and French Mission, at Houma, May 2, 4 p.m.
Rayne Memorial, May 4, 8 p.m.
Morgan City, at Berwick, May 9, 11 a.m.
Franklin, May 9, 3:30 p.m.
Parker Memorial, May 12, 7:30 p.m.

The District Conference will convene at Gentilly Church at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 1937, with the opening sermon preached by the Rev. L. E. Douglas, pastor at Slidell, La. Fifty per cent of the benevolences should be in hand by the opening of the District Conference. Pastors are requested to have complete reports ready. Out of the city charges please send the names of the delegates to the Rev. A. W. Townsend, 2503 Verbena St., New Orleans, as early as practicable.

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God's Man

BY HARLAND C. LOGAN

And there he stood—a man!
Dauntless, before the minions of the powers
Of church or state, party or potentate;
Aware that pride and selfishness and careless ease
In church and out, would seek to take his life,
At least to kill his faith,
And yet he stood—God's man.

"The fellow is a crazy fool"—
Such language was not new,
The enemies of faith and truth and justice
Anon hurl epithets a-plenty at the man
Who dares to take Christ at His word,
And follow where He leads,
Knowing full well that righteous living
Is a costly thing to any man.

To stand, to face the crowd
That drifts and dances liltingly while life grows cheap;
To be hemmed in, but not imprisoned;
To be thrown down, but spring again through faith to action;
To make life here and now a power for good,
That marks life with God's stamp.

His name? Thank God he is not one
But many. He stood in centuries gone,
He stands today; too oft in loneliness,
Too oft to hear the withering scorn of critics,
The laugh of shallow souls that have no shrine,
The roar of selfish souls that fear His righteous faith,
And yet unsoiled in soul he stands.

But ne'er alone he dwells. His shrine
He knows to be secure and safe;
His God sustains, and does not need defense.
And thus he forges on to dare and do,
And pauses but to pray and gather power
To carry on for God and fellow men.
A man! Earth's greatest need.

—The Christian Advocate (Northwestern)

Wallet of the Week

IN THE EGYPTIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM in Cairo, there is on exhibition a mortuary statue of Rameses II, the famed Pharaoh of the Oppression. The figure is seated between two Egyptian deities. In life he was ruthless and merciless, but in death his stark and helpless soul sought refuge in the protective guardianship of the spiritual leaders of his land. The pagan heart may vent its passion upon helpless victims when life is at its height, but it shudders to meet their ghosts and their God in the shadows of death.

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LORENZO GHIBERTI, the famous artist of Florence, worked for twenty years on the two bronze doors of the Baptistry in Florence. It was a long time to give to a single piece of art, but when the doors were finished Michelangelo pronounced them fit to form the gates of paradise. Through those two bronze doors, Ghiberti achieved immortality, and after five hundred years have gone by, thousands of tourists from all the world troop to Florence and stand in wonder and amazement before the masterpiece into which the artist gathered a world of thought.

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THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD, according to an exchange, is now two billion and thirty-six million. Of that vast number, less than one-eighth are rated as Protestant Christians, nearly one-fourth of whom are under fourteen years of age. The Protestant Church School population numbers thirty-four million, and of that number twenty-eight million are in North America and Europe, where also live two hundred and five million of the total Protestant population. Whatever else these figures may show, they at least indicate that Christian missions is still a virgin field.

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LEGISLATIVE REGULATION OF RELIGION is not confined to any one nation, nor is it directed against any one situation. The same process is being invoked for the suppression of the promotion of liberal tendencies. In Greece it is being proposed to prohibit conversion from one religion to another at an earlier age than twenty-one, Turkey is engaged in fixing a synthetic religion which will suppress both Islam and Christianity, and in India the Hindus have enlisted the politicians to prevent the liberation of the untouchables. It is said that there is already a marked reaction against both Islam and Christianity and numerous re-conversions to Hinduism.

THE "REGULAR BAPTISTS," an insurgent organization which developed within the ranks of the Northern Baptist Convention, met in Waterloo, Iowa, recently. Leaders were present from the entire country, and a militant spirit often marked the proceedings. We do not happen to know just what issues were involved in the withdrawal, but since they elect to style themselves "Regular Baptists," we imagine that it may have been a resistance to liberalizing tendencies in the teaching and practice of the Northern Convention.

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THE WONDER OF THE PSALMIST at the magnitude of the universe (the heavens), thinks an exchange, might have been greatly increased if he had been told what astronomers know now, that the diameter of the sun is eight hundred and sixty-three thousand miles, and the diameter of Antares is four hundred and fifty times that of the sun. It would not have let down his idea of the greatness of God, and in his fervent faith, he would still find himself in distinguished company, for ninety per cent of the astronomers hold that the universe is not the result of blind law, but of a great Intelligence.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH on Long Island is said to have been established in 1636. At that time William A. Bennett and Jacques Bentyn acquired by purchase from the Indians a tract of land containing nine hundred and thirty acres, situated at the head of Gowanus Bay. On that tract of land was erected, according to report, the first house for religious worship ever erected on the Island. So Long Island Presbyterianism represents a tenure of three hundred years, whether a record of commensurate achievement or not, is another matter which applies equally to every unit of the Christian Church.

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THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND is reported to have lost one hundred thousand members in the last four years. They were dropped from the rolls. This number is equal to one-twelfth of the entire membership of the Church, and the anxiety of the Scottish leaders may well be imagined. The Presbytery of Glasgow places the blame upon ministers whose sessions are too loose in receiving members, and others think that the stricter censorship of members during recent years has been responsible for the defection. No explanation that might be given could possibly justify such a frightful membership loss.

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EDITORIAL

AN ERA OF DRAMATIZATION

Play and pageant have come to have a conspicuous place in everything of this movie age. People no longer take the time to think through the various relations of life as they once did. They come more and more to be content with the most brief and even amateurish dramatizations of events. History is portrayed by costumed figures from whose mouths issue inane speeches which do more to coddle the vanity of local aristocrats than to develop an understanding of truth. Very naturally such processes create ethical and aesthetic impressions rather than a well-grounded moral philosophy. Even the mystical and the profound values of religion are being degraded by theatrical representations of the processes and work of God in the world—a kind of artificial shekinah illuminating mechanical altars and ministering to human pride and vanity. The pageantry connected with the birth of Christ is a world-wide phenomenon, and as misleading as it is universal. Now the overwhelming story of Easter is garbed in the habiliments of grand opera, and the tragedy of Golgotha is made "beautiful and dignified" by appropriate stage setting and artistic illumination for a puppet who intones Matthew's account of the crucifixion. We feel that most of this innovation is an accommodation of the gospel of redemption to suit the vanities of empty hearts. As we see it, the spectacular pageantry of the Passion Play, whatever it may have been in its origin, is now a cheapened and wholly commercialized pageant of the atoning sacrifice of the Son of God. The only thing that lifts it above the crude American blasphemies of Christian life is the appropriation of dramatic art and Christian culture by which its spiritual meaning is so completely obscured as to make of it a religious travesty. Let it not be thought, however, that we are attacking any specific production as such, nor that we have any interest in religious prudishness. We are attacking the foolish vanities which have appeared in the wake of a moratorium on preaching, practically effected but not confessed, and the substitution of soft sentimentalism and pantomime performances in place of heroic personal consecration to the implications of the life, teaching and death of the Christ of Calvary.

MODERNIZING THE DECALOG

We once heard of a minister who had the habit of discounting the authority of certain passages of Scripture by such observations as: "This passage is doubtful as it is not contained in the best manuscripts." He had a literalist parishioner who would thereupon tear the passage out of his Bible, and who one day presented the pastor with the Bible pruned according to his critical observations—the covers, the Decalog, and a picture of the Devil had weathered the storm. Professor Edward R. Bartlett, of De Pauw University, in an article carried in the March issue of the **International Journal of Religious Education** and reviewed in Information Service of the Federal Council, seems to give even the Decalog a re-working. The substance of what he says is that in 1935 fifty-two freshmen and forty-eight upper classmen, on an inquiry which he conducted, made considerable revision in the order of values in the Decalog as given in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. It appears that they demoted God to sixth place and put murder, theft and adultery in first, second and third places respectively, etc. Personally we confess to small interest in the tabulations of results or the observations of Professor Bartlett. We feel that they are almost childish. If we were inclined to hold that the order of the commandments were an inspired symbol for expressing their relative values, we would certainly not be willing to admit that a small group of callow students with "straw ballot" direction could be of sufficient importance and authority to overturn the judgment of Moses and God. We object to the whole thing as being grossly misleading because it fails to take into account or even to mention the well-organized and insistent propaganda which is plainly reflected in the results tabulated. The very fact that "Thou shalt not kill" is in first place is unquestionably a reflection of the anti-war crusade of recent years. Other trends echo the social emphasis and the economic stress of these turbulent times. It does not reveal an atheistical attitude, but an emotional preoccupation largely, we believe, worked up by a leadership without any clearly perceived spiritual destination. We refuse to tear the Decalog out of our Bible, and Professor Bartlett will have to give us more than a student "straw ballot" reason before we will consent to change the order of the commandments.

SCHEDULE OF RADIO BROADCASTS OF BISHOPS' CRUSADE, FRIDAY, APRIL 23

PLACE	TIME	STATION
Albany, Ga.	7:30 P. M.	WGPC
Anderson, S. C.		WAIM
Athens, Ga.	7:40 P. M.	WTFI
Atlanta, Ga.	8:45 P. M.	WSB
Birmingham, Ala.	8:15 P. M.	WAPI
Charleston, S. C.	7:15 P. M.	WCSC
Charlottesville, Va.	8:00 P. M.	WCHV
Clearwater, Fla.	7:15 P. M.	WFLA
Columbia, S. C.	9:00 P. M.	WIS
Columbus, Ga.	8:00 P. M.	WRBL
Greenville, S. C.	8:30 P. M.	WFBC
Gulfport, Miss.	8:00 P. M.	WGCM
Hattiesburg, Miss.		WFOR
Jackson, Miss.		WJDX
Jackson, Tenn.	8:15 P. M.	WTJS
Jacksonville, Fla.	9:00 P. M.	WJAX
Knoxville, Tenn.	9:45 P. M.	WNOX
Laurel, Miss.		WAML
Lakeland, Fla.	8:45 P. M.	WLAK
Memphis, Tenn.	8:30 P. M.	WMC
Meridian, Miss.	8:15 P. M.	WCOC
Miama, Fla.	9:00 P. M.	WIOD
Mobile, Ala.		WALA
Montgomery, Ala.		WSFA
Nashville, Tenn.	7:45 P. M.	WSM
Newport News, Va.	7:45 P. M.	WGH
Norfolk, Va.	9:00 P. M.	WTAR
Orlando, Fla.	7:15 P. M.	WDBO
Paducah, Ky.	8:45 P. M.	WPAD
Pensacola, Fla.		WCOA
Raleigh, N. C.	7:30 P. M.	WPTF
Richmond, Va.	8:00 P. M.	WRVA
Rome, Ga.	8:30 P. M.	WRGA
Savannah, Ga.	9:00 P. M.	WTOC
St. Petersburg, Fla.	7:15 P. M.	WSUN
Tallahassee, Fla.	8:00 P. M.	WTAL
Tampa, Fla.	7:45 P. M.	WDAE
West Palm Beach, Fla.	8:30 P. M.	WJNO
Wilmington, N. C.	7:00 P. M.	WMFD
Albuquerque, N. M.	8:00 P. M.	KGGM
Amarillo, Tex.		KGMC
Baton Rouge, La.	8:00 P. M.	WJBO
Cape Girardeau, Mo.	8:00 P. M.	KFVS
Corvallis, Oregon		KOAC
Clovis, New Mexico	8:30 P. M.	KICA
Dallas, Tex.		WFAA
El Paso, Tex.	7:30 P. M. (Sunday)	KTSM
Fort Smith, Ark.		KFPW
Fort Worth, Tex.		WBAP
Fresno, Calif.	6:00 P. M.	KMJ
Hot Springs, Ark.	8:00 P. M.	KTHS
Lake Charles, La.	8:15 P. M.	KLPC
Little Rock, Ark.	7:40 P. M.	KGHI
Los Angeles, Calif.		KMTR
Lubbock, Tex.	8:00 P. M.	KFYO
Monroe, La.	7:30 P. M.	KLMB
New Orleans, La.	8:45 P. M.	WDSU
Phoenix, Ariz.	6:30 P. M.	KTAR
Roswell, N. M.	7:15 P. M.	KGFL
Sacramento, Calif.	6:30 P. M.	KROY
San Antonio, Tex.	8:30 P. M.	WOAI
San Francisco, Calif.	6:30 P. M.	KYA
Shreveport, La.	7:15 P. M.	KWKH
Springfield, Mo.	9:00 P. M.	KGBX
St. Joseph, Mo.	6:45 P. M.	KFEQ
St. Louis, Mo.	8:30 P. M.	WIL
Tucson, Ariz.	6:45 P. M.	KVOA
Walla Walla, Wash.		KUJ

(Undesignated time of broadcast may be obtained from your presiding elder or Conference Director).

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

REBUILDING ROADS

A history of roads would give a pretty fair picture of the progress of civilization. Among primitive peoples, narrow, crooked, and rough paths were the connecting links between settlements. They were not easy to travel, and speed over them was out of the question. They were more to mark the way than to make the way easy.

It is recorded somewhere that what is now a principal street in a great city was originally a cow-path, beat out by the bovines as they leisurely meandered from pasture to pasture. It was ready-made—and men are prone to adopt that which has cost them nothing. A cow-path is not much of a highway—but you can't expect much for nothing.

But in these modern times many roads are being mended. Curves are being straightened, hills are being cut down, and low places are being filled. The mathematical principle that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points is being applied practically for the sake of comfort, speed, and safety in going from place to place. Some perfectly good roads are being abandoned because they deviate too much from a straight line. It takes plenty of men, money, and machinery to build these model roads, and a good deal of time; but engineers want to go straight and be on the level—and the cost is incidental. As the roads are completed, transportation is transformed.

Life itself would be transformed if all men, like road engineers, would go straight and stay on the level. A straight life is worth more than a straight road.

SURELY WE WILL NOT BE FOUND WANTING

A last word from Bishop Arthur J. Moore

The first phase of the Bishops' Crusade reaches its climax on April 23 and 25. Since last January we have been in a season of special pleading for Christian missions. We have sought diligently to rejuvenate and increase missionary enthusiasm. Our aim has been to put new heart and passion into the Church for its greatest undertaking. The broad outline of the twin objectives of the Crusade has been presented to our people. Our plea has been for a deepening of spiritual life and an uplifting of our congregations to a world outlook.

Surely this is a task worthy of the fullest loyalty and finest support of all our people. It is profoundly true that the salvation of the world depends on a new yielding of ourselves to God and his world plans. We need a clear realization that Christianity finds its justification in its universality and adequacy. Limit the Christian message to a local field and it ceases to be the "gospel." The command of Christ can never be carried out in a local triumph. The Christian Church must have a missionary program and passion to sustain it. If we lack compassion for the man across the world we will lack concern for the man across the street.

In this Crusade we are working at the very center of our task. There are stirrings which herald a new day. Everywhere our people have given fresh evidence of their interest in Christian missions. Undoubtedly we are shaking off the apathy of the depression years and girding ourselves for a fresh advance with Christ.

By concerted action on April 23-25, it is possible to worthily magnify a significant anniversary in Methodist history and at the same time prove ourselves true successors to these inspired leaders. When Dr. Charles Taylor and the Rev. Benjamin Jenkins as our first missionaries sailed out of Boston harbor eighty-nine years ago they were the first of a long line of Kingdom builders. We have every reason to be proud of our missionary history. Surely we will not be found wanting in sacrificial support of a movement which represents the dearest wish of Christ's heart and to which so many have gladly given their lives. Dr. James I. Vance has well said, "The Church that ceases to be missionary can no longer be evangelistic, the Church that ceases to be evangelistic can no longer be evangelical, and the Church that ceases to be evangelical may well doubt whether it is Christian."

This is not the time for hesitation. If the command of Christ was binding in the first century, it is even more binding in the twentieth century. The writer pleads once more with our pastors and people to join in the special commemoration dinner on Friday night, April 23. Indications are that this celebration will be observed in practically all our churches. The special radio address from the Bishops will be heard over seventy-five stations throughout the South and West. Let Sunday, April 25, be the set time for a sacrificial offering from every member of the Church.

If we succeed the news will stir the hearts of missionaries and native Christians around the world. A stream of choice young men and women will start flowing towards the mission fields and the Church in America will be enriched by a deepened missionary enthusiasm.

The writer finds it impossible to finish this appeal without thanking the entire Church for its loyal response to the appeal of the first phase of the Crusade. To visit our churches, preach to our people, talk with our devoted pastors, has been an enriching experience. A new hope has sprung up in my heart.

I sail on May 12 to resume my work on seven of the mission fields of our Church. To that line of our over-worked missionaries and to these young but vigorous churches we have called into being around the world, I carry the glad news that Southern Methodism has again taken the offensive with Christ in his program of world redemption.

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23-25

ARTHUR J. MOORE.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING

By Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs

On Tuesday, March 30, 1937, in the Directors' Room of the Robert E. Lee Hotel at Jackson, Miss., the presiding elders of the three Conferences in Louisiana and Mississippi, the Conference Lay Leaders and the Directors of the Crusade held a meeting of significance for Methodism in this episcopal area.

Those present and voting were: Dr. E. Nash Broyles, Dr. J. L. Neill, and Dr. W. L. Doss, Conference Crusade Directors; Dr. R. H. Clegg, Dr. W. B. Alsworth, Dr. T. M. Brownlee, Dr. W. B. Jones, Dr. L. J. Power, and Dr. H. A. Gatlin, presiding elders of the Mississippi Conference; Dr. W. P. Buhrman, Dr. L. P. Wasson, Dr. J. D. Wroten, Dr. J. R. Countiss, Dr. A. T. McIlwain and Dr. C. T. Floyd, presiding elders of the North Mississippi Conference; Dr. R. H. Harper, Dr. J. H. Bowdon, Dr. B. F. Rogers, Dr. H. L. Johns, Dr. Elmer C. Gunn, Dr. Louis Hoffpauir, and Dr. Adrian M. Serex, presiding elders of the Louisiana Conference; Mr. James G. Houston, Mr. C. O. Holland and Dr. J. M. Sullivan, Conference lay leaders of the three Annual Conferences.

After giving time and thought and prayer to the purpose of the meeting, they unanimously voted that they would return to their respective fields of labor to make April 23-25 days long to be remembered in connection with the Bishops' Crusade.

Again they unanimously voted that the New Orleans Advocate, under the able editorship of Dr. W. L. Duren, should have their continued and united support both personally and officially in securing the quotas of new subscriptions.

Every man was in his place at the appointed time; there was unanimity in speech and purpose; there was the spirit of prayer, and there was confidence of success.

We expect the Church to measure its strength of loyalty and of resources with another noble task. It ought to be done. It can be done. Pew and pulpit—members and ministers—women and men—will make history during these coming weeks.

"CLIMBING UP SOME OTHER WAY"

The vital subject of today in Southern Methodism is the Bishops' Crusade and its principal objectives, viz: the deepening of the spiritual life and ways and means of meeting its financial obligations to the Board of Missions.

Those who have entered into the deeper spiritual life and are led by the Spirit need no suggestions, but to those who are planning a banquet at one or five dollars a plate, we would say, "He that entereth not in by the door (Christ's method), the same is a thief and a robber." "If this work be of man it will come to naught, but if it be of God nothing can overthrow it."

God will take care of his own work if done for his glory, and if it is not, what do we want with it? For prestige or a record?

The kind of work needed today is not "wood, hay and stubble (works of the flesh), but that which can stand the fire, "gold, silver, precious stones" (works of the Spirit), the only kind that abides.

The writer remembers when, just before a missionary campaign, several Spirit-filled men spent the whole night in prayer, as was their custom; they limited the Lord to $10,000 but he doubled the amount as a rebuke to their unbelief.

"Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

F. BURDINE.

Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Vivian charge, Shreveport District, is our latest addition to Advocate quota charges. To Rev. C. E. McLean, the pastor, Rev. I. T. Reams, the Advocate representative, and the loyal Methodists of Vivian, we give a hearty salute. Fourteen of the sixteen subscriptions are new, and best of all, the campaign is not over.

Rev. O. L. Tucker reports a good Easter service, good congregations continuing, five additions to the church, and an Orphanage offering of $116 at New Iberia.

Rev. J. W. Faulk has his usual good report at Leesville. Budget is provided for, special collections taken, Orphanage offering $95, and active promotion of the Bishops' Crusade.

The Orphanage collection at Vinton was $50, and Rev. Alonzo Early, the pastor, reports Church School attendance increasing, and thirty per cent of the benevolences in hand.

Rev. Lastie N. Hoffpauir reports that his work at Rayville is moving along. The information was contained in a business note and was not meant to be a report of his work.

Rev. M. W. Beadle had a good Easter service at Eunice and the collection for the Orphanage amounted to $21, and other finances proportionately good. An Adult night service is being arranged for.

Gueydan reported eight additions and an Orphanage collection of $67 on Easter Sunday. Ministerial support is in full to date, and $400 has been raised on church and parsonage. Rev. K. W. Dodson is the pastor.

Rev. F. A. Matthews received nine members at Lake Arthur, salaries are paid to date, Orphanage collections $22, and the Missionary Society has money in hand for substantial improvements on the parsonage.

Moss Bluff-Bell City, a new charge, had four additions, and Orphanage collection of $22, other special collections have been taken, and the pastor's salary is in full to date. Rev. Thurmond Spinks is the pastor.

Rev. A. L. Gilmore received eleven members during the pre-Easter services at Lafayette. Salaries are paid in full to date, five hundred dollars paid on building debt, and a small surplus for Conference work.

Rev. T. J. Holladay reports many activities at Zwolle, among them the Bishops' Crusade dinner with a pageant. Young people's work is being promoted and the salaries are about one month and a half in arrears.

Rev. J. D. Fomby has partially completed a community survey at Many, five members were received in his Easter revival, Bishops' Crusade has been presented and other special interests are being anticipated.

Rev. J. A. Knight had one addition, baptized one infant and had a good Easter service. The collection for the Orphanage was $18, and the support for the pastor is approximately fifty per cent better than last year.

Friends of Rev. Robert Cross, formerly a member of the Louisiana Conference, will be glad to know that he is now living at 1116 W. Third St., Little Rock, Ark. He has been assigned to Little Rock in the Railway Mail Service.

Rev. L. R. Nease, Jr., is carrying a full complement of church activities at Hornbeck. Mission study class, collection of the benevolences and preparation for the Bishops' Crusade dinner. Two members were added to the church.

Rev. W. C. Barham received three members in his pre-Easter services on Church Point charge. The Orphanage offering was about $35, and the work is making progress. Dr. R. W. Vaughan preached at Pitreville on Palm Sunday.

Dr. A. M. Shaw, of Belcher, has our sincere thanks for evidence of his continuing loyalty to the Advocate. He has been going strong in his work recently, not only caring for his own people, but preaching in revival services for others.

Abbeville, Rev. Ellis Smith pastor, had a large Easter attendance and twelve accessions to the church. Orphanage collection was $80, the Superannuate and Mercy Memorial collections have been taken, and ministerial support is in full to date.

Rev. G. A. LaGrange, pastor at Marksville, reported to his District Conference last week one half of his Conference benevolences in cash, a collection for the Mercy Memorial Home, a good beginning in his Advocate campaign, and progress all along the line.

We appreciate a list of subscriptions sent in by R. Lowrey, of Shreveport. No church was given and we have no means of identifying the subscribers. We appreciate the list and will give the proper credit as soon as we know the church from which they came.

We regret to learn of the serious mishap to little James Richard Bozeman, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Bozeman of Greensburg. According to Brother Bozeman, his leg was broken when a car ran over him on Sunday, April 11. He was doing well at last account.

Fifteen members were added at Oakdale in the Easter campaign, an expenditure of $150 on the interior of the church building, Benevolences increased to $325 —$250 raised in cash, and marked improvement in the Church School is the report of Rev. R. W. Faulk.

Rev. A. P. Smith reported a record attendance at Easter, four additions, and $40 collected for the Orphanage. Cash improvements of the Pecan Island church to the amount of $800, and a final payment of $110 on the electric refrigerator were also reported.

Dr. A. S. Lutz had a successful pre-Easter revival, receiving sixteen members and closing with an Easter cantata which was largely attended. Half the Benevolences are subscribed, Bishops' Crusade well organized, and the entire program of the Church is being followed out.

Rev. I. T. Reams, Vivian, who was a great campaigner for the Advocate when he was in the active work, has not lost his cunning. He sends us a list of twelve subscriptions, eleven of which are new. We genuinely appreciate the splendid devotion of Brother Reams to the paper.

The Easter offering at Sulphur amounted to $60, twenty nine members have been received to date, Benevolences being cared for, and the Advocate quota to be reached. Rev. D. B. Boddie reports salaries paid to date and a constant accession of Methodists to the population of the town.

Mrs. Katie Drake Bonney, who died at the residence of Mr. W. W. Drake, in St. Joseph, recently, was the only surviving sister of Mrs. S. D. Adams. Sister Adams says that they grew old together, and that now she is only waiting His summons to join her sister in the Beautiful Beyond.

Rev. W. W. Perry received eleven new members at Elizabeth at Easter, the Orphanage collection amounted to $27, the missionary offering is to be taken on April 25, other special interests have been cared for and services are improving, with good prospect for membership growth.

Rev. G. H. Corry, Baker charge, reports progress in his work, two church buildings and the parsonage have been improved and the work throughout is encouraging. Brother Corry makes use of a very fine philosophy in the thought: "We look upon our problems as our opportunity." He carries the Advocate in his plans and in his heart.

Crowley, under the leadership of Rev. G. W. Pomeroy, turned the lenten season into a period of self-denial. Neighborhood prayer meetings and passion week services were largely attended. The self-denial offering was made on Friday night and a candle-light communion service was held on Easter morning. Thirteen members were added to the church, and the offering for the Orphanage amounted to $152.

Rev. W. H. Giles, pastor at Bastrop, called at the office one day last week and we regret that we missed his visit. He reports a good Easter service with a good number of accessions, and also a healthy financial situation in his church. All obligations, including the church debt, are being met promptly. Brother Giles has gained fifteen pounds in weight and is in better health than he has been for a long while.

DR. PAUL QUILLIAN AT CENTENARY

Dr. Paul Quillian, of First Church, Houston, Texas, spoke before the faculty and students of Centenary recently. Dr. Quillian delivered an earnest plea for a more practical embodiment of Christianity, and he declared that he had not known a time when the outlook for a practical Christianity is more hopeful, for everywhere is manifest an intensive search for truth. Participating in the service with Dr. Quillian were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jenkins and Miss Thelma Solcum, accompanist for Mr. Jenkins, whose effective renditions of song and music added much to the occasion.—Centenary News Bureau.

SIXTY-TWO YEARS A SUBSCRIBER FOR THE ADVOCATE

Dear Dr. Duren: It is with great pleasure that I send you the renewal subscription of Mrs. T. P. Crawford, of Pearl River, La., whom I believe to be the oldest Christian Advocate subscriber we have. For 62 years Mrs. Crawford has not been without the church paper. (If there are others who have been subscribers any longer, please let us hear from you). Mrs. Crawford's first subscription came to her as a present from her uncle on her 18th birthday. In December she will celebrate her 80th birthday.

Though Mrs. Crawford has been confined to her home for a number of years, due to ill health, she yet expresses great interest in her church and its people. The beauty of her life is an outstanding inspiration to the community in which she lives. May her light keep shining for many more years to come.

MRS. E. B. INNERARITY.

HOME

Dear Brother Editor: I wish to express my ideas concerning home and its true meaning. The word home has a meaning of sacredness to most all of us. It conveys a meaning that no other word can give.

When we begin to study the significance of home, we find that home is the foundation of everything that is worth while in building character and establishing the kingdom of God on earth.

A successful church depends upon the home environment and discipline, so does a successful government. If the home is a success, then public affairs in general are a success; but if the home life is not as it should be, then unhappiness is the outcome, which breeds discontentment, crime and wrong living.

There are many thoughts concerning the home, but this one thought of home training seems to me of most importance. When we begin to look on the conditions generally and compare with the age of some forty of fifty years back, we are bound to see that we as a people have drifted.

I want to be fair and I give credit to whom credit is due, but as a whole I'm saying we have erred, and we can readily see why we are missing the mark when we compare the discipline and ways of living with the discipline and customs of yesterday. A person's achievements do not reach higher than his own garret nor lower than his own cellar.

The great apostle tells us in Gal. 6th chapter, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." If he sows to the flesh, he reaps corruption; if he sows to the Spirit he will reap life everlasting. We must admit that the wrong seed has been sown, and now we are reaping corruption, as our institutions of correction prove.

Picture the modern home of today, giving credit to whom credit is due. Are we teaching our children the true principles of Jesus Christ as they were taught back in pioneer days? I daresay we are not. If we were the present generation would be more like Christ and the world would not be dying for just a little bit of love. I know that we have advanced very rapidly intellectually and progressed in the field of inventions, but not so spiritually. Our enlightenment has concerned only the problems of the world and this life, with no serious thought of the life to come, the preparation and ways to achieve it.

This world's possessions do not satisfy. The heart yearns and thirsts after something that the world does not offer.

We do not yet understand what real knowledge is. Paul tells us in 2 Tim. that in the latter days people will be ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. And the Lord says, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Yes, we are particular in training our children to meet the problems which they must meet in business, political and social ways. But how many point the little ones to Calvary's Cross?

O, you say, "I send them to Sunday School and they are being brought up in the church," which is all right as far as it goes, but do you pray with them and teach them the love of Jesus? Do not leave all that to Sunday School teachers and Christian workers. How grand and glorious to have that close and intimate fellowship with your own little ones! It takes the Spirit of Christ to bring peace and success in the home.

We strive to build an earthly house which will be ours for only a while. We use every means to improve our conditions. But with all we are dissatisfied. We expect peace but find unrest, and instead of happiness we discover only misery. We wonder why conditions have come about in this way.

A physician in dealing with diseases of the body must first diagnose the case and find the cause of the disease before he can administer the remedy for its cure. So it is with problems of life. We must find the cause. In speaking of the problems of the home life or the failures of the home, we must find the cause.

Every one has a life work, a mission to fill. A man cannot fill the place of the sun, neither can the sun play the part of the moon. Each has its mission according to God's will. So it is with life. A man cannot build a home; it takes a woman's touch to do that. And with all due respect to those concerned I fear that the cause for a lot of home failures is due to this error—a lot of homes are left without that touch which only a godly mother can give.

I dare say, we have drifted from God's original plans. The father can not build a home; he only builds the outside structure. The mother lines the interior with her kind and godly counsel. The servant

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. J. S. Moore, of Vaughan, has our thanks for her renewal subscription, and not less for her expression of interest and appreciation of the work we are trying to do.

We regret our inability to reach the Brookhaven and Vicksburg District Conferences last week, but it was simply out of the question for us to get away from the office.

Mrs. W. A. Freeman, the faithful Advocate representative of Millsaps Memorial Church, Jackson, is getting forward in the campaign, and her splendid optimism will contribute much to final victory.

Seashore, Hattiesburg and Meridian District Conferences are all to be held during the present week and it is the plan of the editor to attend all of them and then to go on to Monroe, La., for a Bishops' Crusade banquet on Friday evening.

Rev. T. O. Prewitt, pastor-host of the Hattiesburg District Conference meeting at Broad Street church, places us in his debt, as he has done many times before, by a generous anticipation of our comfort in connection with our visit to the Conference.

The editor appreciates the pinch hitting of our good friend, Rev. A. M. Broadfoot, at the session of the Brookhaven District Conference. We know that his advocacy was effective and we look forward to a final report in every way worthy of that great District.

Rev. Percy Vaughan, pastor at Georgetown, has six congregations and preaches three or four times each week and teaches in the Church School twice each Sunday. He reports progress in the charge, and he gives evidence of such in the report which he has made on the Advocate campaign.

An outstanding contribution to the recent campaign to pay off the debt of East end, Meridian, was made by the Nursery Department, of which Mrs. C. M. Martin is superintendent. Mrs. Martin and her department raised $225 on an asking of $25, and the money come from Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Pennsylvania.

Rev. R. H. Clegg, the presiding elder, did not forget the Advocate cause either in his arrangements or in the proceedings of the Conference. We have from him a check for $9.75 for Advocates to be sent to Sanatorium, and the Conference took action by which it is proposed to raise its quota with a margin, all of which we deeply appreciate.

Mr. Chauncey French, who is a member of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, and who owns a plantation at Mt. Gomer, near Port Gibson, has offered a ten-acre tract of land to the "Fat Stock Show Association of Port Gibson. The gift is to be a memorial to his little grandson who lost his life in an accident a few months ago, according to statement in the Clarion-Ledger of April 9.

April 4, was the happiest day in the history of East End Church, Meridian, according to Rev. O. S. Lewis, the pastor. The collection for the church debt was $400 in excess of the amount needed, and the church was duly dedicated. Dr. T. D. Ellis preached the dedication sermon and Dr. Foster K. Gamble of the Alabama Christian Advocate preached at night. This glorious day climaxed a campaign in which seventeen new members were added—fourteen on profession of faith.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

By Mrs. Stanley Wilson,
2212 Fifteenth Street Meridian, Miss.

Annual Session, Mississippi Conference Woman's Missionary Society

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Mississippi Conference was held in Yazoo City, April 6-9, 1937. Mrs. Joseph Bush, president of the local auxiliary, and Brother J. B. Cain, pastor-host, did not overlook the smallest detail in entertaining.

Because of the resignation of Miss Ella Wayne Ormond, Mrs. Gordon Patton, vice president, presided.

The general theme, "Helping to Create a World Christian Community," was woven into every address and report.

Our Council guest, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Foreign secretary, said that since the World War the world has become a unit. Today, other countries are facing the same problems which we are facing, and they are asking, "Has the Church the secret which will solve our problems?" This crisis is our opportunity. In the past, when we have failed, it has been because we have lost sight of God and His omnipotent power; we must find Him again in order that we may face the world situation. While national Christians in the younger churches are carrying increasing responsibilities, the contribution of the missionary continues to be of fundamental importance. Every field except Mexico is calling for reenforcements. The most urgent unprovided need of our work today is for missionaries. The work already established and that to be projected call for the most able and devoted young women of our church, to joyful, fruitful service in the building of a world-wide Christian community.

Dr. Henry M. Bullock, head of the department of Religion at Millsaps College, talking on "Peace and Missions," emphasized the "good neighbor" policy with other nations as the only means of preventing war. We send three missionaries to every nation: our church, our business, our government. Unless the last two are Christianized we cannot hope to create a world Christian community.

Miss Hallie Buie, our daughter at home on furlough from Korea, described the activities at Carolina Institute, Seoul. She spoke of the deep spiritual influence of the prayer group in her school and stated her girls feel they are a part of the Mississippi Conference.

Mrs. W. H. Watkins, of Jackson, in her Bible hour, said the desperate situation all over the world is so depressing we need to regain our sense of God. We are being called back to fellowship with Jesus Christ. Unless we at home can learn to live Christian lives, we may as well quit sending out missionaries.

The memorial service was impressively conducted by Mrs. W. T. Hegman.

The periods of worship and meditation each morning, conducted by Mrs. T. B. Cottrell, of Indianola, were inspiring and strengthening.

Rev. Irl Sells: "We can build a world Christian community only when we learn the principles of Jesus ourselves and teach them to others."

Mrs. Patton: "Every member an intelligent Christian worker."

Mrs. Arrington: "Every field must have more workers; every field must have new buildings."

Miss Weems: "We must have more specials."

Mrs. Frizelle: "We must strive to make the missionary and the mission field real to the young women."

Mrs. Mahaffey: "We must study missions to be Christians."

Mrs. Craig: "No nation has yet risen above the level of its heroes. Nothing less than a Chrisitan citizenship can meet the crisis of today."

Mrs. Boone: "Support our community houses in every way possible."

Mrs. Wilson: "Adapt literature to individual auxiliary—subscribe to the World Outlook."

Mrs. Alford: "We may build a world brotherhood when we become truly Christlike in our actions toward every other person in the world."

Mrs. Lewis: "We should learn the promises of God and meet the conditions so we may have the right to claim them."

District Secretaries: "We need more young women, more rural women, more spiritual life groups, enlarged vision, increased giving, life memberships and baby specials."

Rev. J. L. Neill: "Cooperate in every way you can with Bishops' Crusade."

Mesdames Paul Arrington, W. F. Mahaffey, Homer Frizell, Norman Taylor, R. E. Rollings, A. S. Oliver, F. C. Hayden, W. J. Ferguson and Swep Taylor attended the recent Council meeting in Columbus, S. C. They were convinced that the missionary program is the most effective program, and impressed by its magnitude.

A group of young women were special guests of the Conference. Questioned by their leader, Mrs. Homer Frizelle, they gave as their greatest needs a better understanding, increased responsibility and an enlarged vision.

New officers: President, Mrs. Paul Arrington, Petal, Conference secretary, Mrs. D. L. St. John, 1806 11th St., Meridian, Superintendent Baby Specials, Mrs. Hubert Davis, Moss Point; Secretary, Meridian District, Mrs. L. O. Todd, Decatur.

Conference Special: Miss Louise Killingsworth, Fayette (sister of Mathilde), assigned to China, shared with North Mississippi Conference.

Gifts: Life membership to Mrs. Paul Arrington; baby life membership to Katrina Clarke; curtains for living room at Carolina Institute, Seoul, Korea, to Miss Hallie Buie.

Requests: Car for Moore Community House, Biloxi; quilts for Memorial Mercy Home, New Orleans, La.; sheets and coupons for Methodist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss.

Next meeting place: Biloxi.

THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

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States. One team started from Washington January 12th and another started from Memphis. The team west of the Mississippi covered 20 cities, and the team east of the Mississippi covered 24 cities. The Bishops and others belonging to these two teams rode pullmans at night and delivered two and three addresses every day. Our meeting in Jackson was the sixteenth, and they were thoroughly worn out. They got off their train at five o'clock in the morning, and left the city on an eleven o'clock train that night. This was too much to expect of the Bishops of our Church. Bishop Mouzon died suddenly—I say, frankly, as a result of it, and Bishop Ainsworth had a heart attack and has been in the hospital several weeks. Brethren, the Bishops are deadly in earnest. They are giving their lives for this Crusade. Two of them have already gone down. They are trusting us to do our best.

Nearly $80,000 was raised in the 44 great meetings of the campaign, over and above all expenses. The Crusade dinners on April 23rd, and the offerings Sunday morning, April 25th, and the every-member canvass we know so well how to put on, will net so large an amount that the whole Church will shout for joy. The debt is the technical goal, but preachers and people upon whose hearts the spirit of the Lord has moved will give generously, and the final total will reach well toward the million mark. I am not permitted to give you a quota. Those heading up the campaign are trusting us to do our best.

Out on the mission fields the missionaries have already given liberally. The necessity is a close-up for them, one for which they are giving their lives, so they have freely given of what money they have. General Chiang, the great Chinese leader and his wife, gave what will amount close to $3,000 American money. Chinese, Koreans and Japanese have all given liberally. Bishop Moore came back from these fields with $10,000 before the campaign in America had well started.

6. Brethren, the Bishops are waiting anxiously to know what we will do. Our own Bishop, Bishop Dobbs, will rejoice with us individually as he studies our success. Every letter shows the yearnings of his heart, our missionaries are waiting, waiting and working and praying. We cannot fail them; they have been there so long. They are so tired. They need help so badly. Our Church must not fail. Our Conference must not fail. It will not fail. You will not let it fail: because you are fine and noble and true. You love God and you love God's Church. The Lord gave himself for it. Martyrs have died for it. Two of our Bishops have recently gone down for it. We will remember the Lord and will remember them.

Mr. S. D. Gordon gives a bit of imagery that has its meaning and its pathos. After Jesus went back to heaven he is supposed to have had a conversation with Gabriel something like this:

Gabriel is saying: "Master, you died for the whole world down there, did you not?" "Yes." "You must have suffered much." "Yes." "And do they all know about it?" "Oh no, only a few in Palestine know about it so far." "Well, Master, what have you done about telling the world that you have died for them? What is your plan?" "Well," the Master is supposed to have answered, 'I asked Peter and James and John and Andrew, and some more of them down there, just to make it the business of their lives to tell others, and others, and yet others, and still others, until the last man in the farthest circle has heard the story."

And Gabriel is supposed to have answered: "Yes but suppose Peter fails. Suppose after a while John simply does not tell others. Suppose their descendants, their successors away off in the twentieth century (and here is where he calls your name and mine)—suppose these all get so busy that they do not tell others, what then?"

And back came the voice of Jesus, and it has in it the ring of pathos, but the ring of confidence: "Gabriel, I haven't made any other plans—I am counting on them."

He is counting on us. God be praised! He is counting on us. We must not fail him. By the help of God we must see his cause through to a glorious triumph.

E. NASH BROYLES.

WIGGINS, MISS.

The Wiggins church is carrying out a full program. Young People's Day was observed on March 7, Loyalty Sunday on March 14, the Millsaps Singers gave a concert on March 18, and services commemorating the Atonement were held on March 21, and the "Trial" on March 25. A number worshiped and communed at the Easter Sunrise service, the pastor, Rev. D. T. Ridgway, preached to three hundred at the 11 o'clock hour and Dr. L. J. Power, presiding elder of the Seashore District, preached to a large congregation at the evening service and held the second quarterly conference afterward. $110, or 55 per cent, of the benevolences were raised Easter Sunday. There have been twenty-seven additions, and the special offering for the superannuates, Sanatoriam and Memorial Mercy Home have been taken. A training class on "Teaching" was conducted by Rev. George H. Jones, pastor at Ellisville. Seventeen took the course for credit. The church is in the midst of its plans for the observance of the Bishops' Crusade, on April 23-25.

REPORTER.

INSTITUTES—SEASHORE DISTRICT

Adult Work Institutes for the Seashore District were held at Purvis on April 13 and at Moss Point on April 14 by Rev. D. T. Ridgway, District Director of Adult Work, at both institutes. Dr. L. J. Power, presiding elder of the Seashore District, spoke on "What the Adult Work Should Be;" Mr. Wayne L. Mabry, of Wiggins, spoke on "Bringing Adults Into Christian Fellowship;" Mrs. Clarence Ramsay, of Wiggins, spoke on "Teaching Adults," and Rev. D. T. Ridgway spoke on "Use of Adult Council." At the Moss Point Institute Dr. Carroll Varner, pastor at Gulfport, spoke on "The Adult Work and the Church Program;" Mr. M. B. Cumbest, of Wade, spoke on "Making Better Use of Our Christian Literature," and Rev. A. J. Boyles, pastor at Bay St. Louis, conducted the devotional. Rev. G. E. Allan, pastor at Purvis, conducted the devotional at Purvis Institute.

REPORTER.

The difference between a prejudice and a conviction is that you can explain a conviction without getting mad.—Buffalo News.

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. R. P. Neblett, pastor at Brooksville, attended the Cole Lectures at Vanderbilt University recently.

Rev. H. N. McKibben, in addition to putting on the full program of the church, has found time to put a new roof on the parsonage of Ethel charge which he serves.

The Columbus District Conference, which is to convene at First Church, Columbus, May 3-5, will have the pleasure and profit of hearing Dr. Goodloe of S. M. U., Dallas, twice daily during the session.

The roof of the parsonage at Brooksville caught fire recently and the damage was such that the building was re-roofed. We have no report as to the damage to furnishings. Rev. R. P. Neblett is the pastor.

Rev. G. H. Boyle reports well-organized and consistent progress at Itta Bena. The interior of the parsonage has been gone over, the dining room and kitchen refurnished, and a paid-monthly budget is in successful operation.

Rev. M. S. Brantley, pastor of Mashulaville circuit, has five churches under his care. On Easter Sunday he preached at all five of them and at one of them he preached twice. He reports that he has plans on foot to paint every church on the charge this year.

A Union Daily Vacation Church School of Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians will be held in Ackerman beginning April 25. The revival at the Methodist church will begin May 9, and Rev. A. Y. Brown, the pastor, will be assisted by Rev. Jeff Cunningham of Ripley.

Rev. W. R. Lott, pastor at Oxford, received twenty members on profession of faith and baptized five infants on Easter Sunday. That is a good record for the church that ministers to the Methodists of Oxford and the Methodist students at the University of Mississippi.

Rev. C. T. Floyd, presiding elder of the Sardis-Grenada District, favors us with a copy of the program for the District Conference which will meet at Como May 12, 14. With it he extends a personal invitation to the editor to be present, which we hope to do.

Rev. J. J. Garner, a superannuate and our long time friend, cheers our heart with a message from Mississippi State College, Starkville, where he makes his home. We appreciate very sincerely the gracious words of personal friendship and loyalty contained in his good letter.

First Church, Columbus, under the leadership of Dr. E. Nash Broyles, the pastor, and Mr. T. E. Lott, chairman of the board, is in a campaign to clear the church properties of a $4,000 debt. The church has a membership of approximately twelve hundred, it has a great history and a loyalty to match its glorious past. They will succeed.

Rev. J. E. Lawhon is doing a very constructive work on Macon circuit. He is remodeling the church and installing new pews at X-Prairie, the parsonage debt has been paid off and $170 has been expended on its improvement, and the Church Schools are doing excellent work. The Advocate campaign and every interest of the charge are duly cared for.

Twenty-one preachers of Columbus District attended the meeting of the Ministerial Association at Crawford recently. The devotional was led by Rev. J. J. Garner whose feeling prayer and appeal stirred the brethren very deeply. The subject of equitable salaries for pastors was discussed. Rev. W. M. Hester's thoughtful preparation contributed much to the fine fellowship of the occasion.

Dr. Henry Felgar Brooks, writing from Tupelo, says that this has been a year of ceaseless activity for him and his people. Tupelo led the Conference in the Christmas offering for superannuates, has paid more than half of the acceptance on Benevolences, and the church is looking forward to a good response to the Bishops' Crusade. In the offing is a Christian Workers Training School, a series of revival services to be led by Dr. A. T. McIlwain, a Church Daily Vacation School, and then the summer. Sixty members have been added this year, which brings the total for Dr. Brooks' pastorate to five hundred and seven.

NEW CHURCH AT OXFORD

Since so many are interested in the new church at the University, here is a paragraph description by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Lott:

The building is set far enough back from University Avenue to make its perspective attractive. A terraced lawn will lead the eye through the trees to the building finished in random shades of light red brick set in buff mortar and stone. A number of high gothic gables distinguish it. The exterior wood work will be brown with lighter colors where needed. The roof is a heavy ragged edged grayish shingles on steep sloping surface. Large double windows with panel-work down to the floor add beauty to the front. When you go inside, you find that long corridors make entrances and exits to all departments and rooms almost private. Every department is located with the view of people who are to use it, with due consideration for light, heat and sound. A general steam system with control and stoker is designed, a supplementary smaller hot air system is installed for convenience of social and executive meetings. The building will have hardwood floors throughout, plastered walls and celotex panelled ceilings for acoustical purposes. The chapel is designed for beauty, with a low ceiling effect which is finished in large panels. Windows of narrow gothic design made of American antique glass. In the south end of the chapel three memorial windows from the old church will be placed.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN CROSS

The treasurer's report as published in the Conference Minutes shows that seventeen charges of the North Mississippi Conference took the Golden Cross enrollment last year. By districts, as follows: Aberdeen District, six charges; Columbus District, two charges; Corinth District, three charges; Greenville District, three charges; Greenwood District, two charges; Sardis-Grenada District, one charge.

We of the North Mississippi Conference can do better than that. If you, brother pastor, haven't received your Golden Cross supplies, write Dr. G. C. Emmons, Doctor's Building, Nashville, Tenn., giving the number of churches on your charge and membership, and he will send them at once.

May 9 to 16 is Hospital Week. An effort by every pastor will yield an enrollment on every charge. Keep in the forefront the fact that Golden Cross money goes to help do charity work at the Memphis Methodist Hospital and the response will be liberal.

T. B. THROWER,
Conf. Director Golden Cross.

THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

The most significant and heroic campaign within my knowledge and coming under my observation is the movement now on throughout our Church, originating with the Bishops, and now being executed by them—the movement which has been very properly designated THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE. I doubt if suggestion of the name came from the Bishops themselves but so thoroughly was it a Bishops' movement, and so zealous were these men in launching it, that to every active worker in it the name that was to be chosen must truly represent the zeal, the passion, the earnest energy, and determined action of the College of Bishops. Naturally, it is THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE.

Our Bishops are in reality General

Superintendents, serving upon all the General Boards, as college and university trustees, and serving as trustees of the great variety and number of our institutions, presiding over the Conferences and traveling throughout the Church, in close touch with the mission fields as well as the home base, and as General Superintendents so largely responsible for conditions everywhere, they are always most sensitive to failure, lack or embarrassment in any part of the field, and they constitute the only group of men in our Church thus qualified by knowledge, responsibility, interest of position and of the heart.

If our educational interests are in jeopardy, they rush to their aid. If it is the orphans' homes, they go to them. If the Publishing House or periodicals, they turn their forces in that direction. If any institution of our Church, whatsoever, is suffering or in danger, all the Bishops turn their attention to the sick child until it is well again. They are indeed the fathers of our Church.

2. For many years now we have had a depression and finances have not been easy. Institutions of our Church have suffered severely—there has been much agony, and the fathers of our Church, the Bishops, have borne the extra burden continually, traveled much, preached much, met with many Boards and Committees, agonized in prayer, and exercised the utmost zeal in plans, purposes and labors. I say without hesitation, our Bishops are the hardest working men of the Church, and have at heart our general interests more than any other group can possibly have. Each of the Boards, institutions, secretaries, pastors or officials struggle for success to his own work, or the Boards and institutions for their own departments, but the Bishops are equally interested in and especially anxious and responsible for all work, all officials or pastors, for all Boards and institutions—interested, responsible and anxious for adequate salaries for pastors or for institutional and Church-wide programs.

Thus delicately attuned to the needs and welfare of the missionary work of the Church, and if our Church did not have missionary interests you and I would be most critical of it, and perhaps most sacrificial in behalf of launching missionary work, conscious that no Church could labor faithfully in the Master's name and fall short of being a missionary Church. The Bishops thus delicately situated and having upon them the responsibility for missions and evangelism received a shock and a call from the mission fields.

3. During the hard financial years our Board of Missions had been under the necessity of keeping the fields open and missionaries at work. The large number of young people in our schools on the mission fields made an appeal that was irresistible—whole nations were being made Christian through these schools: they could not be closed. We would not make the Master weep. Hospitals on our mission fields were full to overflowing, while Christian doctors and nurses were serving in Christ's name in healing—the sympathies of whole nations were being won to the Christian faith—these hospitals could not be closed: these doctors and nurses could not be called home. The care of orphans and the preaching of the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation of them that believe—this work could not be stopped: you would not have it stopped—the Lord would not have it stopped. These were the people for whom he died.

The only alternative to closing down all this work, and then the Board of Missions would have had to borrow heavily to bring the workers home, to say nothing about carrying out the promises incident to their employment, and above everything else, our Church must be an honest Church—an absolutely honest Church. The only alternative to closing all this work was to borrow money, as you and I borrow money when in distress, and gradually move through the depression with as little loss to the work as possible. The manner in which Dr. Cram and the Board of Missions passed through these difficult times deserves highest praise throughout the Church and heroism everywhere is evident.

4. Missionaries could not take their vacations. They voluntarily stayed on the fields for double or triple the time required in their agreements, because the Board had no money with which to bring them home. They have worn themselves out on the mission fields, and the Mission Board has had no money with which to send new workers and give the needed relief. With the old workers broken down, and continually growing fewer in number, with no new workers to replace them; the Bishops viewed with alarm the approaching catastrophe, in which it seemed highly probable, if the needed help were not secured, that there would be a crack-up on the mission fields, the institutions closed, the workers exhausted, and everything for which the Board had labored, and striven, and borrowed during the long and wearing years of the depression—it seemed all this would be lost.

The Board of Missions had been compelled to borrow $550,000, but by installments of some $50,000 a year, had cut the loan to something over $385,000. Interest every year was taking $25,000 and up. This, together with the $50,000 installment, made a total of $75,000, more or less, which was being diverted from the work every year to balance us with the losses of the depression. Such were the difficult and bitter necessities under which our Board of Bishops labored.

5. The suggestion came first from Mrs. Seth Craig, I believe—the women are glorious in what they make us do—and then the Bishops discussed seriously the possibility of carrying a campaign to the preachers and people of Southern Methodism, in hope that the preachers and people would feel it—feel it down deep in their hearts, and rally to the Church in one of the greatest necessities with which we have ever been faced. "Our preachers and people are good," they said, "and we shall only need to carry them the message—this message of the distress we feel, the distress under which our Board is laboring, and the distress under which our missionaries are suffering. They will give money to relieve this distress, and will not complain about it, but will esteem it an opportunity and a joy—as it is a joy to open blind eyes and make them see, heal the lame and make them walk, and preach the Gospel of salvation unto a lost world." Our preachers and people have a heart.

The Bishops presented their proposal to the Board of Missions, and both together they presented it to the commission on budget. Permission was granted for the campaign, technically for the amount of the debt, but the people and preachers of Southern Methodism are going to contribute $1,000,000 in this campaign. Laymen over the Church are determined that the campaign shall realize a large amount, and not only pay the debt, but give full relief and revive our missions. It is the other mile: the Church is determined to go with them twain. Laymen visited our Bishops in New Orleans and begged that they would launch the campaign for $1,000,000.

The Bishops, members of the Board, and a representative of each Conference met in Nashville as early as last summer, in answer to the call of Bishop Arthur Moore, whom the Bishops had made Director. Preliminary arrangements were made there. Later, in January, the Council met in New Orleans, and we were all there. Still later there was a great state meeting in Jackson, and we were all there. About $4,000 was contributed in Jackson. The Bishops were pleased with that.

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, APRIL 25

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

THE OBEDIENCE OF NOAH

Noah built not only the ark but also an altar. Work and worship should go hand in hand. Those who seek to know God's will through the fellowship of reverent worship come to understand his secret and are able to work out his will in practical, permanent values. There is no understanding like that of the fellowship of co-operation in work. It brings appreciation of what has been done and insight into what is to be undertaken. Our God is no eccentric, erratic, irresponsible being whose will is past finding out. Men have discovered, used, and profited by knowledge of his laws in the natural world and have found him to be a dependable God. In this faith they sow and reap, prepare for the cold of winter and the heat of summer, for the work of the day and the rest of the night.

The moral world is one of even greater stability and dependability. Causes unknown or forces beyond control may bring physical disaster or material loss. Morally, every man is the captain of his soul, the master of his fate. Personality is a holy of holies not to be invaded or profaned by external forces of whatsoever sort. Divine power is ever available for its protection and development. Those seek to do God's will walk fearless through the dark valley whose dragons become but shadows in the presence of the great Companion. The bow of promise spans the storm cloud and even in the presence of enemies the feast is spread for the upright in heart. God is not slack concerning his promises and those who put their trust in him shall not be disappointed.

Moral excellence enhances and conserves material values. Even the animal world shares the blessings God vouchsafed to man. The godly man is merciful to his beast and kind to all created things. All is sacred because all is the product of the Father's hand. Much of material want may be justly charged to moral evil. Local disasters of drouth or flood do not account for the wide-spread want and wretchedness of our day. The earth has not failed to yield abundance for all the race. Suffering is not due to over-population nor the over-production, but to faulty distribution of workers and wages. There are unfinished tasks suited for every degree of human strength and skill, rough places that need to be made smooth, crooked places that need to be made straight, raw materials that wait to be fashioned to shape and use. We have both the work and the workers. Millions of acres are untilled or poorly conserved, resources go to waste while multitudes must beg or starve. We have forgotten that covenant of God which was made not only with Noah, but "with all flesh." We seek to enrich one group, section, nation by pauperizing another instead of striving for a vision of universal good, for the harmonious development of all people through the brotherhood of man. Meantime, we make much wonder over every natural calamity, write pages of lament over a flood that takes four hundred lives, but hasten to forget the forty thousand we kill with automobiles. Nature is kinder to men than they are to one another. Moral law is as inexorable as natural law, and only in the keeping of both can peace and prosperity come to the human race.

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The Christian Fireside

AN ANCIENT AND MODERN BIRD

By Willis Mehanna

What man of the country and open spaces does not remember seeing a great, black bird soaring in majesty high among the clouds, never flopping its wings but at all times sailing with them full spread? The common name of this bird is turkey buzzard. He is of the vulture family and is always on the lookout for dead and decaying animals. For this reason he is of great value to a community since he consumes putrid flesh, the odor of which is unhealthful as well as disagreeable. He is protected by law and should be, for he has no faults and hunters certainly would not want to eat him.

The mother turkey buzzard lays two or three grayish white eggs with black spots on them in the hollow of a large tree rather late in the season, and only one brood is reared. These birds follow the warm weather south in the fall and always return in the spring. They have survived for many decades and are seen quite frequently soaring high in the air, but are seldom seen anywhere else.—Our Dumb Animals.

IN TWO INAUGURAL PARADES

One of the world's oldest horses was a center of interest in the inaugural parade at Washington, January 20.

"Queen," aged 41, was six years old when she pranced up Pennsylvania Avenue at President McKinley's second inauguration in 1901, with Edwin M. Jett, a mounted policeman, on her back. Handsome and proudly stepping, she was the cynosure of all eyes.

It occurred to some of the present horse fanciers in Washington that it would be interesting to bring Queen and Mr. Jett, now retired, together again for another historic ride.

Queen was located on the farm where she was born and raised at Four Corners, Maryland. Mr. Jett, aged 68, in good health and spry, lives at 1434 W. Street, S. E.

The aged horse was in her stable when Mr. Jett, seeing her after a long lapse of years, called softly through the door: "Queen! Oh, girl! Remember me?" Queen remembered. She neighed at the top of her voice.

So again they rode under Washington's dripping skies and Queen's fame will go down as the only horse that ever took an active part in the inauguration of two Presidents.—Our Dumb Animals.

THEY KNEW THEIR BASEBALL

The story is told of a certain well known clergyman who chanced to be dining in a Florida cafe. During his meal, two pretty misses at another table observed him with something of eager and excited interest. At last they approached the table where the minister sat and they accosted him with: "We know who you are." The minister was much embarrassed by the mystery of the intrusion, but he managed to reply: "Well, that's just fine." Then the girls followed with: "You are Connie Mack, aren't you?" That question served to clear the air and with the next word from the minister, the interesting romance which had given them such a thrill faded, two embarrassed girls made a confused apology, and the minister resumed his meal.

SALOON EVANGELISM

As a part of the constantly increasing evidence that the liquor traffic is determined to increase its hold in the United States, we note that the Distilled Spirits Institute has employed a man prominent in partisan politics to direct their relations with the national and state governments. This man will have a salary of one hundred thousand dollars a year, with an equal sum for his office and other expenses. The campaign will be pursued into local communities, and its chief objective will be to ensure political control by the liquor interests. By encouraging the drinking habits of the people, the trade will seek to recover its tainted influence upon the political life and government of the nation. We do not forget that the trade is equally alert and aggressive in Canada and in every other country under the sun.—The New Outlook.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
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A few excerpts from the "Message of the President," which was given by Mrs. George B. Sexton, Jr., at the Conference meeting in Homer:

"We meet again to record the closing of a year's work—twelve months of devoted and consecrated service by the missionary women of Louisiana; 1936 was a good year, with major emphasis on the home field. The Week of Prayer offering for rural projects enabled the Council to open up work in a good many isolated sections and brought special benefit to Louisiana in the way of a Deaconess, Miss Mary Beth Littlejohn, for the Indian work at Dulac. Our membership has steadily increased and for the first time exceeds seven thousand. Of these, a large number are young women. Again we are happy to report our Council pledge is paid in full. A door that offers wide and effective service opens for us at Cedar Grove, so we are increasing our Council pledge to cover the salary of a deaconess for the 66th Street Methodist Church. . . . About fourteen hundred dollars was given the past year in life memberships. . . . Effective work has been done in our Conference in promoting the Cooperative Plan for missionary education of children. Many more children have been reached than formerly and the fourth Sunday offerings have steadily increased. . . . Louisiana led all Conferences in the amount of supplies to Council institutions and it is with sincere regret that we accept the resignation of Mrs. Woodard, who has carried this work on her heart for five years with phenomenal results. . . . There has been a growing interest in Scarritt College, due, we feel, to Mrs. Moreland's visit to the Conference last spring and to the splendid promotion work of Mrs. Gilman McConnell. . . . There are two reasons, I think, for the success of the missionary enterprise: first, its never changing purpose, and, second, its ever changing plan. Down through the years the words of the Risen Christ have echoed, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." . . . The Bishops' Crusade leads us to Aldersgate this year, to John Wesley's heart-warming experience. In the time of the early crusades, those who dared girded themselves for a holy war. The tomb of Christ must be wrested from pagan hands. Each was called to "take the cross," signifying his willingness to leave lands and loved ones for this holy mission. I wonder, as we work and pray for this spiritual movement in our church, if we are willing to "take the cross" personally?"

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

Mrs. L. H. Roberts, of Starkville, sends a short resume of the work done the past quarter. You will be particularly interested in what she has to say about Council credits and Year books.

The Starkville Society, with Mrs. Walter Page as its capable president, has closed the first quarter's work with good reports.

Eleven new members have been added to the roll in the seven Circles, which have a total membership of 178.

The Mission Study book, "Out of Africa," has been completed, three circles applying for Council credit. The other circles plan to do more systematic study on the fall book.

The Yearbook programs are given careful preparation by each circle, most members having Yearbooks.

The Bible study will begin in April.

World Outlook subscriptions sent in this quarter number 25. At this rate this weak link in our chain will be strengthened.

The C. S. R. Department is most active.

A fourth of the pledge is being sent to the Conference treasurer.

About sixty dollars in money and supplies was sent this quarter to a minister's widow.

Other points of the Efficiency Aim are being promoted or will be at the proper time.

Reports are now being mailed out.

The zone meeting in West Point in March was well attended by the Starkville Society.

We look forward to entertaining the District meeting in April.

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The first zone meeting of 1937 was held in Doddsville on March 3, with 45 members present. Mrs. Ormond, president of Doddsville auxiliary, gave a hearty welcome to all and turned the meeting over to Mrs. H. P. Thomas, zone chairman. Mrs. Rufus Hughes served as secretary.

Mrs. E. C. Stansel, of Ruleville, brought a beautiful devotional on Stewardship, using as scripture Matt. 25:14-30.

Roll call revealed that Blaine should have the banner for having the largest percentage of members present. Drew was given recognition for their large attendance.

Duties of officers was given by Drew ladies as follows: Duties of President, Mrs. R. K. Sage; Duties of Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wofford; Duties of Treasurer, Mrs. Eason.

Mrs. Campbell talked on Young Women's Circles. Mrs. Thomas told "What the Missionary Society May Mean to a Member."

Different circle leaders of Drew talked of what they expect of their members. Mrs. John Holloman spoke in behalf of the World Outlook.

Mrs. E. C. Stansel made a few remarks on Spiritual Life Groups.

New plans for C. S. R. Committees were explained by Mrs. A. A. Harrell, of Ruleville.

Mrs. Blount, of Blaine, reminded the group of the need for Octagon coupons.

A motion was made and carried that the zone secretary write a letter to Sunflower auxiliary asking them to stay in the zone, as they are very much needed.

A motion was made and carried to send the zone chairman to the Annual Conference, with expenses paid, the same to be proportionally divided among auxiliaries of the zone.

A four point standard was suggested by the zone chairman. The most efficient auxiliary is to be awarded an Honor Certificate at the end of the year. The points are:

1. Program of spiritual cultivation carried out under appointed leader.
2. History of each society compiled by its historian.
3. Have at least two posters each month; present them at zone meeting and Conference.
4. Most outstanding work done during the year.

The meeting closed with the consecration service led by Mrs. Betty Strickland.

HOME

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girl can't fill the requirements of the mother. The father can only provide the material necessities and comforts, but it takes the mother to still the storm of unrest and bring peace and happiness. The maid can't do it.

As it was in the case of Elkanah and Hannah, both filling the mission according to God's plans, so it must be with each and every one. We must fill our mission as God wills it to be.

The words of Hannah, 1st Samuel 1:28: "Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord, as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord." And he worshipped the Lord there.

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The Church's Continuing Obligation

CHRIST'S commandment to his disciples to heal the sick is a continuing obligation upon his followers. James, in his intensely human letter to the early church, reveals that the welfare of the sick is an obligation of those in Christian fellowship. "The elders of the church" (James 5: 15) are to pray with the sick.

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In Memoriam

OREDAS ELI TOWNSEND

Oredas Eli Townsend was born on June 26, 1855, in East Feliciana Parish, near, Clinton, the son of Rev. W. S. Townsend and Mrs. Martha Perkins Townsend. Rev. Townsend moved his family to Livingston Parish when his children were all small and remained there until his death. He was the founder of the old Palmetto church, one of the pioneer Methodist churches in this country. After his death, Mrs. Townsend, with her six sons and three daughters, moved back to East Feliciana and bought a home near Blairstown. There Mr. Townsend grew into manhood.

On January 29, 1883, he was married to Miss Janie Dunn Lewis, the daughter of Rev. Henry T. Lewis and Mrs. Almena Cleveland Lewis. To this union were born ten children. He is survived by Mrs. Townsend (his wife), five sons and two daughters, Hattie E., of Ruston, La.; Mrs. W. D. Oliver, of Mangum, Okla.; John L., of Pride; Carrie R. and W. Henry, of Baton Rouge, and Joe W. and Fanny L., of Oaknolia; one brother, W. S. Townsend, of Reily, La., and five grandchildren.

Mr. Townsend was very active in the church affairs of the community. He was one of the leaders in the establishment of the Oak Grove church, also the Bluff Creek camp meeting. He was a member of the camp meeting association and for 27 years its president, but an active worker during its forty years of endeavor. When his health no longer permitted an active part in these affairs, services were held each first Sunday in the home through the kindness of the Clinton pastor.

To those who knew and loved him, Mr. Townsend was truly a great Christian character. He passed to his heavenly reward on the fourteenth of March. Funeral services were held the next day from the home by the presiding elder, Brother Bowdon, and the local pastor, Brother S. T. McLean, and the Clinton Presbyterian pastor, the Rev. Mr. Eddins. Interment was made in the Rose Hill cemetery in Clinton.

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M. T. PEW SPEAKING

Hello, folks! From my place down in the front of our church I can hear and see some rather strange and interesting things.

Last Sunday our pastor did a rather strange thing; at least it appeared that way to me. He must have been ill. He did look real worried and he did not seem happy to have the opportunity to tell the good tidings to his people.. Maybe a lot of things had gone wrong with him. Possibly he was very tired and needed a good rest and vacation.

Anyway, he took me for his text. He abused me and belittled me for all that I was worth. He looked at me with a "dirty," mean and defiant stare. He even challenged my right to be in the church and did it so vehemently that he shook his fist in my face. Now, I really do feel awfully mean at church and admit that I ought to be turned out. In fact, I ought to be run out of every church in the country. I am just sitting still waiting for it to happen.

Our pastor went at the business of putting me out of his church in a very poor way. In fact, it is a little strange to me that he did such a thing. He seems to have very good sense about things, but he seems to be using very poor judgment in this matter. Last Sunday he lost at least ten minutes of perfectly good "Gospel" time talking about folks who were not at church. He said some very ugly things about them, and that in their absence. That sounded like gossip to me. It certainly was not polite and even a bit cowardly. I looked around and saw the Faithful family, the Regulars, the Neverfails, the Constants, and many others who are always present. They looked bored and as though they did not care to hear their pastor talk about their own kinfolks and neighbors. I wondered if the pastor expected those present to go tell those absent what he had said about them to their backs. I saw a few present who seldom come and they seemed very uneasy and embarrassed. Possibly they thought that the preacher was "getting them told" for their past sins and I wondered if they would be back next Sunday.

So, I am puzzled at this strange thing that our good pastor has done. Possibly, if he would try filling the hour full of interesting and helpful things and quit complaining and sort of fussing about people who are absent to those who are present, he might soon run me out of his church. I expect to stay in your church as long as my name is

M. T. PEW.

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ONE of the best known medical men in the U. S. was the late Dr. R. V. Pierce of Buffalo, N. Y., who was born on a farm in Pa. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has for nearly 70 years been helping women who have headache and backache associated with functional disturbances, and older women who experience heat flashes. By increasing the appetite this tonic helps to upbuild the body. Buy of your druggist. New size, tabs., 50c, liquid $1.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Alexandria—R. H. Harper, P. E.	
21 out of 24 charges reporting	$ 990.00
Baton Rouge—J. Henry Bowdon, P. E.	
14 out of 22 charges reporting	1146.00
Lake Charles—B. F. Rogers, P. E.	
22 out of 24 charges reporting	1411.00
Monroe District—H. L. Johns, P. E.	
Complete report from 22 charges	1784.02
New Orleans District—Elmer C. Gunn, P. E.	
18 out of 21 charges reporting	1676.00
Ruston District—Louis Hoffpauir, P. E.	
Complete report	2750.00
Shreveport District—A. M. Serex, P. E.	
Complete report	3582.00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Brookhaven District—R. H. Clegg, P. E.	
19 out of 24 charges reporting	$1150.00
Hattiesburg District—W. B. Alsworth, P. E.	
18 out of 27 charges reporting	903.85
Seashore District—L. J. Power, P. E.	
Incomplete report	866.00

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Corinth District—J. D. Wroten, P. E.	
22 out of 32 charges reporting	1450.00
Greenville District—J. R. Countiss, P. E.	
Incomplete report	1000.00
Sardis-Grenada District—C. T. Floyd, P. E.	
Incomplete report	1000.00

Wallet of the Week

THE COPTIC CHURCH which, since the days of the Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia, has had a continuous eccleciastical existence, seems now to be destined to fall under the iron heel of the Italian Dictator. After almost half a century, it is to be placed in the power of the hierarchy which it once defiantly renounced. It is one thing to conquer by character and service, it is quite another thing to confiscate by political commission.

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KING OF ITALY RECEIVES JEWISH LEADERS is the substance of a headline carried by a Hebrew magazine recently. The headline was explained by the statement that the King had received in audience the new chief rabbi of Rome, and the head of the Roman Jewish community. If press interest is taken into account, the incident should meet every specification of a secondary conference. It would be interesting to know how those gentlemen made the discovery of the King—a forgotten personality. That story ought to have real news value.

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CHURCH PRESS ENDOWMENT became more than an ideal or a subject of wishful discussion when the **Watchman-Examiner** received a gift of fifty thousand dollars from the estate of Miss Mary Colgate of Yonkers, New York. The **Watchman-Examiner** is the official paper of the Northern Baptist Church. It is doubtful if any other bequest made by Miss Colgate will prove to be more potent and far-reaching in its influence for good, than will the endowment of this mouthpiece of Christian belief. It is an example of sound churchmanship which should commend itself to those who would perpetuate their interest in Christian ideals and promotion.

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THE BELL OF HELL is the singularly appealing name with which the largest bell of the Orient is to be christened by Chinese Buddhists. It is to weigh forty-four thousand pounds, and will be placed in a tower on Kiu-hwa-shan, a sacred mountain in Anhwei. It is to be sounded at regular intervals by Buddhist priests to "awaken souls sinking into the inferno of the lower regions." Perhaps this novel scheme is Buddhism's nineteen-thirty-seven model of a canned gospel. At any rate, it strikes one as being of a piece with water-worked prayer wheels and other such depersonalized processes of religious expression.

MAHATMA GANDHI is reported to have dedicated a temple at Benares, the holy city of the Hindus, in which the likeness of a deity is replaced by a large marble relief map of India. The event is being hailed as a triumph of religious liberality in India. The map is supposed to signify that it is a temple for all confessions of faith. Such an innovation may have some value, but it is probably more social than religious. A marble relief map is a poor substitute for a living Christ and it taxes one's optimism to believe that it is an indication of progress.

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THE WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION claims a total enrollment of over thirty-seven million scholars, teachers and officers. It has 361,145 schools located in 124 different national areas. In the past fifty years, the organization has had a phenomenal growth. It began as an expression of the devotional life of English-speaking countries, but its sphere of predominant influence has largely shifted. It is no longer an organization of English-speaking lands, but its greatest growth is in India where English is a foreign tongue.

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AN INTERESTING SERVICE was held at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, not long ago. It was the fifth annual service of interracial good will. The nineteen participating choirs represented nine churches and several different racial and denominational groups. There were five Negro choirs in the celebration. The Jan Hus Presbyterian choir sang in Bohemian and the Church of All Nations choir in Italian. There were three hundred young people, many of them children between the ages of nine and fifteen, who joined in the singing.

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DICTATORSHIP IN BELGIUM received a distinct repulse in the overwhelming defeat of M. Degrelle in the recent elections. Degrelle, who is described as a Fascist with boundless ambitions, some months ago boasted that within six months he would be dictator of Belgium. He was defeated by a vote of almost four to one after the most dramatic personally conducted campaigns in the history of Belgian politics. The friends of good government are now able to report: "The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is."

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EDITORIAL

WORSHIP

A central element of all religions is worship. Through it men confess their attachment to a particular deity and they seek the blessings of divine favor. The common word for worship in the New Testament means literally to kiss the hand toward God—to throw a kiss to God. Strange as it may seem, it was that very word which Jesus took from the lips of the woman of Samaria in order to correct her superficial understanding of worship. She thought that throwing a kiss to God must be associated with a traditional altar, but Jesus told her that neither on Mt. Gerizim, nor in the temple at Jerusalem is the mere act of throwing a kiss to God true worship. He assured her that it is ever an act of the spiritual consciousness, an inner communion with God and as such is independent of place or ceremonial. No word of Jesus has occasioned the church more practical difficulty than that touching this central fact of its life. Dr. B. M. Palmer, a distinguished Presbyterian minister of New Orleans, once observed that there was a singular tendency on the part of liberal religion, the easy-going naturalism of the worldly type, to turn toward ritualism as a seeming reaction from its loss of the orthodox evangelical faith. That observation was made nearly fifty years ago and the constant tendency of those years toward ritualism reveals his prophetic insight. The spontaneity of worship everywhere is being invaded by revivals of ritualism, the sacraments of the church are being cheapened by sentimental accommodations, and the services of the church have their appealing simplicity marred by individual additions which ignore the spiritual continuity of worship. For our part, we believe in a stately but simple service which represents the voice of the church, and we do not believe in its mutilation. The tendency toward ritualism, personal or otherwise, we think means a turning of the minds of the people from the realities of personal communion with God to synagogue or temple ceremonies, or worse. It is an easier task to throw a kiss to God than it is to wrestle with the angel in lonely and desperate personal quest for blessing. The one is an act of coddling superstitious fears, the other opens the windows of heaven.

"IRRELEVANCIES"

The caption of this editorial is a word which was used in private conversation by a friend of ours when discussion turned to what might be called the internal evidences of reality in the ministry. The principle is equally applicable to Christianity as a whole, but we were speaking particularly of the ministry. In the course of our exchanges, he made use of the word "irrelevancies." He was describing a certain personal testimony which he had heard as being a string of pious and irrelevant platitudes. It was in no sense meant to be only a criticism of an individual, but was rather a pained confession of hollowness and a lack of originality which makes it necessary for one to resort to a conventional form of speech in that all-important matter. It was a lamentation that no fire-clad words came winging their way out of the deeps of an experience of God. At this point let us leave all thought of the personal incident behind, that we may think for a time of the type of Christian relation which is devoid of conscious reality, that condition which must be justified by the recitation of vague generalities—conventional irrelevancies. Apart from the awkwardness of a sham performance, such a testimony lacks every element of the creativeness which begets freshness, vigor, hope, joy and attractiveness in religion. The very avoidance which it implies is in effect a plea for a spiritually nude soul. Necessarily it lacks the passion and the fervor of a faith born of experience, and it cannot know the enthusiasm of a militant evangelism. At best it is not more than an elegant echo from an Alhambra that, having ceased to exist, is yet enshrined in beautiful and romantic literary recollections. It lacks directness, heart, enthusiasm, the spirit of conquest—everything except the gorgeous literary draperies of the sunset. Our ministry and our message, like our experience, must bear the inspiration and stamp of an eternal sunrise. God, on his part, has left nothing undone that it may be always morning with his messenger.

DR. THEODORE COPELAND

The death of Dr. Theodore Copeland in a Dallas hospital on April 22, brings sorrow to a wide circle of friends. He suffered a collapse last fall and his death from a heart attack appears to have been the delayed sequel of his original break in health. He was born in Blountsville, Alabama, sixty-nine years ago, received his education at old Southern University and at Vanderbilt, and he served pastorates in North Alabama, North Mississippi, South Georgia, Louisiana, St. Louis, and Little Rock Conferences. For several years he had been a General Evangelist of the Church, and he was preeminently an ambassador of good will and good cheer. No man kept a more consistent touch with a wide circle of friends than did he. He was a charming personality and a man whose presence and manner was the embodiment of perfect grace and culture.

"ACROSS THE WATER"

Under the caption, "Help for Preachers," a reviewer in a British periodical makes observations which should produce a sense of discomfort for American preachers. He makes no direct attack upon the American pulpit, but he makes statements the implications of which are obvious. For one thing, he tells the story of three preachers who occupied a certain "west-country pulpit" on Sundays that were close together. All of them preached on "Comfort me with Apples," a text so unusual and from a book so little used for pulpit discourses as to make the very announcement of such a text remembered, no matter what the application of it. The other observation was to the effect that the field of service for the book would be America—it would be "more widely sold across the water." The reviewer manages to speak favorably of the contents of the book, but we cannot feel that any appraisal of the quality and contents of the volume could possibly relieve such words of their humiliating application and implication. We do not find fault with the reviewer, our quarrel is with the thoughtless and misguided users of such material.

BEAR WITH US, PLEASE

The Bishops' Crusade, District Conferences and other pressing matters, together with linotype trouble, have delayed some material, but we are not overlooking it. All matter will appear at the earliest moment possible.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

SOME ADVANTAGES OF BEING SICK (NOT TOO SICK)

As between health and sickness, there would seem to be little difficulty in making a choice—most people would say, "Give me health every time."

And we think they would be eminently correct. Even so, it is possible—nay, highly probable—that they have failed to reflect seriously upon the advantages that might accrue to them from a modicum of illness—not too prolonged, not too serious. That there are some advantages cannot be denied.

For one thing, there is the privilege of grunting. It would be ludicrous for a well person to lie abed and grunt; but for a moderately indisposed one, it is highly proper. And the pleasure of it! The "Oh's" and "Oh me's" of the patient fall dolefully upon the ears of those sitting by, but they afford a kind of psychological exhilaration to the grunter that doeth good as doth a medicine. A good, healthy grunt relieves the tension of a sick body as a safety-valve lessens the pressure of an overheated steam boiler (or something like that). If you have never enjoyed a grunt, try one the next time you are sick.

Then,too, the moderately sick man can indulge in whims that, were he well, would bring criticism, and maybe rebuke. He can leave his lovingly and carefully prepared food untasted; he can complain of the noise the children make; he can slap the cat off the bed; he can refuse to take his medicine at the times appointed; he can indulge in various and sundry petty temperamental outbursts that would shame him were he well, but now bring only the sympathetic comment, "Poor man—he's sick!"

And what a thrill he can get by answering the anxious inquiries of friends with, "I'm not feeling so well today," or "I don't seem to be getting any better." The sympathetic responses cheer his heart, and he is pretty sure that these friends will drop by tomorrow to ask again how he is. He likes to have his friends around him.

The not-too-sick man can enjoy being away from his work—at least for a season—and prolong his convalescence in such a way as to receive almost an ovation as he slowly and (apparently) weakly walks down the street after having been at home a spell. He has the feeling of being a prominent citizen.

And so it goes. Health is precious, but moderate illness has its advantages.

The trouble is, some well men want to be pampered as if they were sick.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS

By Bishop John M. Moore

The question of the legality of a vote on the Plan of Methodist Union by the Annual Conferences preceding the vote by the General Conference has been raised by a few men. My contention is that such a vote is not only legal but logical, and that the right of priority in the voting if priority must be established, rests with the Annual Conferences and not with the General Conference.

Read the law as found in paragraph 43: "Provided, nevertheless, that upon the concurrent recommendation of three-fourths of all the members of the several Annual Conferences, who shall be present and vote on such recommendation, then a majority of two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding shall suffice to alter any of the above restrictions excepting the first article, which may be altered upon a joint recommendation of all the Annual Conferences by a majority of two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding; and also, whenever such alteration or alterations shall have been first recommended by two-thirds of the General. Conference, so soon as three-fourths of all the Annual Conferences shall have concurred as aforesaid, such alteration or alterations shall take effect."

Note the priority of the Annual Conferences. That law as it stands was adopted in 1828. See Tigert's "Constitutional of American Episcopal Methodism," page 402. The clause providing for an alteration of the first restrictive rule has been inserted since then. In 1808 the first half only was adopted. Under the leadership of Wilbur Fisk, in 1828, the second half was added, by which the General Conference could act first. In 1820 the General Conference adopted the following (See Tigert, page 353): "Resolved, that we will advise and do hereby advise the several Annual Conferences to pass such resolutions as will enable the next General Conferences so to alter the constitution, etc." That was a very illuminating resolution and was the inspiration and basis of Fisk's amendment in 1828. From the very beginning and on through more than a century of constitutional history the right of priority in voting on constitutional proposals has belonged to the Annual Conferences. They have never surrendered that right which was inherent in them.

Why do the Annual Conferences vote on constitutional questions at all? Why do states vote on amendments to the National Constitution? The same principle underlies the answers to both questions. The Federal Congress and the General Conference are both delegated bodies and have only such powers as are invested in them respectively by the States and by the Annual Conferences by the respective constitutions; and those powers are very great. Amendments to these constitutions, Federal and Church, are new grants of powers to the Congress and the General Conference by the States and the Annual Conferences. When the Congress passes an amendment to the constitution it has not enacted any law; it has only formulated the grant of power which it desires and recommends for future action. The same principle holds with the amendments which the General Conference may pass.

The General Conference in 1870 declared (See Journal, page 284): "The General Conference is not an original body, self-existent and independent. It is the creation of another body, larger and stronger than itself. It does not possess original life and power. Its powers are derived and dependent." The Annual Conferences are the original body and from them come these powers. As Tigert says (Constitutional History, page 324): "Historically the fountain of authority in Episcopal Methodism is the body of traveling elders. They created the existing General Conference, ordained its constitution, and finally admitted laymen (1870) to their seats in the body." It must be ever kept in mind that the Annual Conference is the basal body in Methodism and that the General Conference is an agent with derivative powers. It grants, withholds and cancels power to the General Conference as its will and wisdom may dictate. The power of execution in Episcopal Methodism lies in the General Conference but the authorization of that power rests with the Annual Conferences. "The General Conference shall have full powers to make rules and regulations for our Church, under the following limitations and restrictions," said the "body of traveling elders" in 1808, and so says our law today. Until the Annual Conferences give authorization and so long as it withholds authorization the General Conference is estopped. This explains why the Annual Conferences must vote on constitutional proposals, and why they in reality must vote first. Any action of the General Conference, voting first, is contingent upon the later vote of the Annual Conferences.

Some one may ask, "If the right of priority in voting rests with the Annual Conferences why does the General Conference usually vote first?" The reason is simple. The Annual Conferences in the nature of things would have difficulty in formulating the "recommendation" with unity and uniformity, upon which they could take "concurrent" action, whereas the General Conference has present representatives of all the Annual Conferences and can easily get that unity and uniformity necessary to the formulation of the proposal. The General Conference of 1828 saw that situation and for that reason amended the law so that the General Conference could indicate its wish and will. But the right and power to originate constitutional amendments and proposals have never been surrendered by the Annual Conferences. Any Annual Conference now, at any time, can adopt a proposed constitutional amendment and send it to the other Annual Conferences, and if they adopt it "concurrent recommendation" has been made and the proposal has the same force as if it had come down through the General Conference. It could not be otherwise, for if prior action by the General Conference were required, then the Annual Conferences would be shut up to the will of the General Conference, their agent, which is an absurdity. The Annual Conferences have the right, the liberty and the power to propose, or take up any proposal of any constitutional amendment as their own will and wisdom may dictate. Such an interpretation of our constitutional law could scarcely be logically and successfully contradicted.

Here is the Plan of Methodist Union which has been formulated, approved and recommended by a joint Commission chosen, appointed and empowered by the General Conferences of the three Churches. This Joint Commission was not a joint committee of the General Conferences. It was a body set up by these General Conferences to produce a Plan of Union for those three Churches and not for three General Conferences. This Plan is not subject to alteration by any one of the General Conferences. There is but one thing a General Conference can do with it. The General Conference could not prevent the Annual Conferences from voting on it. The General Conference could not bestow on the Annual Conferences the power to vote which they already inherently possess. On the other hand, the General Conference must wait to have bestowed upon it by them authority and power before it can approve and put into effect the Plan of Union. The Plan is as ready now for the action of the Annual Conferences as for that of the General Conferences, and as ready as it will ever be. "Concurrent recommendation" could not be made more possible or more practicable by any action of the General Conference. In the light of these facts, which no court, ecclesiastical or civil, could set aside or explain away, to intimate that the Annual Conferences can be required to wait until the General Conference submits to them the Plan of Union for a vote is to refuse to accept the plain law of the Church. The Annual Conferences do not have to have the Plan of Union submitted to them by the General Conference, the Bishops, the Joint Commission, or any one else. In their own inherent right they can take it up and vote upon it at their own will and there is no power to say them nay.

It is true that the General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church voted before their Annual Conferences. Their law, as ours, allows that. It was highly convenient and expedient for them to do so. Had they waited for the Annual Conferences they could not have voted until 1940, unless they held an adjourned

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Both the Intermediate and Young People's camps will be held at Dubach this year. The Intermediates, June 28-July 2, and the Young People, July 5-10.

The Conference Woman's Missionary Society met at Homer, March 23-25. That meeting was followed by an Adult Bible Conference, led by Dr. H. H. Harris, of Emory University, April 8-11.

Pelican charge, under the leadership of Rev. Frank C. Collins, is putting on the full church program with aggressiveness and vigor. In addition, the new parsonage is nearing completion.

Rev. John Rasmussen, pastor at Mansfield, is conducting the services of Religious Emphasis Week at Centenary. Brother Rasmussen rendered a similar service at Louisiana Tech, at Ruston, recently.

Mangum Memorial church, Shreveport, long burdened by an oppressive church debt, has officially resolved upon the complete liquidation of the obligation of $12,000 within the next year, by May 1, 1938. Rev. Robert M. Brown is the pastor.

Mrs. Carley, wife of Dr. Henry T. Carley of Satartia, is in a Vicksburg hospital where she is reported to be recovering from an operation performed a few days ago. We are glad to have the assurance that she expects to be fully recovered in a little while.

The Monroe District under the leadership of Rev. H. L. Johns has taken the offering for the Memorial Mercy Home in every charge except one and in that particular one it has been postponed on account of the Bishops' Crusade. It will be taken soon.

Rev. A. D. St.Amant, pastor at Pioneer, held a banquet at all four appointments of his country circuit, and is reported to be in great favor with the people of that charge. He is caring for every detail of his work in a systematic and effective manner.

Rev. Louis Hoffpauir is very enthusiastic over the outlook for his District. There has been an increase of $2,500 on salaries, a substantial increase in the acceptances for benevolences, and every interest of the church is receiving consistent attention.

Castor and Jamestown, two churches of the Shreveport District, have been placed under the care of Rey. Harold Teer, a local preacher who is a student at Centenary College. A revival of interest and a good outlook for these churches is reported.

Vivian is really getting forward under the splendid leadership of Rev. C. E. McLean. The salary of the pastor was raised fifty per cent over that of last year, and the congregation is launching a campaign for a new church building to cost approximately thirty thousand dollars.

Rev. W. D. Milton, pastor at Trout and Goodpine, sends a list of eight subscriptions which lacks only two of completing his quota. He is continuing his campaign for the completion of his quota and more. We sincerely appreciate this splendid work in behalf of the paper.

A District School of Christian Workers was held at Ruston on March 15-19. Miss Lucy Foreman, Nashville; Mrs. W. W. Holmes, New Orleans, and Rev. G. W. Dameron, Executive Extension Secretary, were the instructors. A group from the Monroe District also participated in the school.

Rev. J. E. Hearn, pastor at Marion and Sterlington, had a great meeting at Marion recently in the interest of the Bishops' Crusade. Present were Rev. H. L. Johns and Mr. W. B. Clarke, presiding elder and Lay Leader respectively. There was a splendid crowd and enthusiastic interest.

Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs is scheduled to preach the sermon for the Ruston District Conference, which meets at Harmony Chapel on Tuesday, May 18. It is expected that the Ruston District will pay all claims in full, and will show an increase in additions by profession over the report of last year.

First Church, Shreveport, has set for itself the liquidation of a debt of long standing. The debt is $21,500 and the month of May has been allocated to the task of clearing it from the ledger of the church. First Church received approximately two hundred members as the result of the Personal Evangelism campaign at Easter, and that is certainly a great credit to Dr. Dana Dawson and his people.

Plain Dealing, a rural circuit with five churches, is giving a splendid illustration of what can be done by such a charge. The charge, under the inspiring leadership of Rev. P. B. McCullen, has assumed by far the largest amount for benevolences of any charge of that type in Louisiana, if not of the entire Church. It has accepted $750 for benevolences and is carrying all the other program of church work as well.

Noel Memorial church, Shreveport, has had a revival of far-reaching influence and power under the leadership of Dr. Paul Quillian of Houston, Texas. The meeting continued for ten days and the singing was under the direction of Mr. Walter Jenkins. Bishop Dobbs preached the closing Sunday. The meeting was so largely attended that many had to be turned away. Rev. C. M. Crowe, recently transferred from Texas, is the pastor.

The Ruston District, Rev. Louis Hoffpauir presiding elder, has made systematic efforts to organize every church in the Bishops' Crusade, and it is confidently expected that the results will be gratifying to the church and a credit to the leadership of the District. Rev. Guy M. Hicks, the director of the Crusade, had the assistance of the presiding elder and Professor Rodney Cline at the rallies that were held.

The campaign for the Christian Advocate is being carried through in a great way by the Shreveport District. Bossier City, Coushatta and Vivian have already completed their quotas—Coushatta almost doubling its quota. Dr. Serex generously adds: "Wherever the Advocate is presented enthusiastically and the campaign is put on honestly, the reports are unanimous that it is easy to get the quotas and plus, and that our people welcome the Conference organ."

Rev. and Mrs. Ashley T. Law will have the sympathy of many friends throughout Louisiana and Mississippi in the death of their little daughter, Ruth. A few days ago she was stricken with diphtheria and scarlet fever, and her condition was desperate from the beginning. Death came Sunday evening and the funeral was held at Haynesville on Tuesday morning. Let these faithful and sorrowing servants of the church be remembered at the throne of grace.

The Bishops' Crusade is being vigorously pressed in Shreveport District. Under the leadership of Rev. P. B. McCullen, District Missionary Secretary, rallies have been held at various points. In the rallies at Hall Summit, Mansfield and Vivian, Dr. A. M. Serex, the presiding elder; Rev. P. B. McCullin, Mrs. W. H. Martin, Conference vice president of the Woman's Missionary Society, and Mrs. C. F. Lucky, District Director of Children's Work, participated. The addresses of the Bishops were broadcast over station KWKH at 7:15 on the evening of April 23, and the churches made that a part of the evening program for that hour.

NEW ORLEANS YOUNG PEOPLE WILL CAMP AT BILOXI

Through arrangement with C. O. Chalmers and Mrs. Wilson Buckley, who has leased Kellar Lodge at the Seashore Camp Grounds, the New Orleans District Young People's Camp for 1937 will be held at the Methodist Camp Grounds at Biloxi, June 12-19.

The staff is as follows: Dean, Rev.

Henry A. Rickey; business manager, E. L. Brock; instructors, Rev. E. C. Gunn, Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, Rev. Jerome Cain, Rev. Henry A. Rickey and Miss Julia Sargent, of St. Mark's.

Morning Watch, Miss Julia Sargent.

Vespers, Rev. J. T. Harris; head chaperone, Mrs. E. C. Gunn.

Forum each morning, Rev. G. W. Dameron, Conference Executive Secretary.

Preachers for Sunday, June 13: Rev. J. T. Harris and Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs.

The largest camp group in their history is expected, and the program is chock full of good things, with excellent leadership, as one can see.

The swimming in the Gulf waters twice a day will be featured, but a varied recreational program is planned.

There should be information, inspiration, consecration, and jolly good fun in the bargain—and it is a bargain. The Camp opens with supper, Saturday, June 12, and closes with the noon meal Saturday, June 19. The total charge for room, board, books and registration is $8.00. Transportation will be extra. Those desiring transportation at the lowest possible rate from New Orleans to Biloxi and return can obtain it by writing E. L. Brock, 2023 Short Street, New Orleans, La.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 67th session of the Alexandria District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened at 3 p. m., Tuesday, April 13, 1937, in the historic church and city of Opelousas, La., with the presiding elder, Dr. R. H. Harper, in the chair. G. H. Morgan conducted the opening period of worship. Words of greeting and welcome were spoken by the presiding elder, Dr. R. H. Harper, by the pastor-host, Dr. C. D. Atkinson, by the mayor of Opelousas, Mr. George Hollier, and by Mrs. J. F. Dezauche, president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Dr. Harper, assisted by Drs. Briscoe Carter, John G. Snelling, H. N. Brown, W. R. Harvell and C. D. Atkinson, all former presiding elders, led in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The attendance at the sessions was splendid, the auditorium being filled at all times. All the pastors were present except two. One local elder, W. T. Woodward, was present. Some one observed that if we had had the Bishop and three more presiding elders it would have been "Annual Conference." Numbers of ministers from other districts were present, all being represented but the Shreveport.

Dr. H. H. Harris, of Emory University, brought three helpful lectures on "The Christian Home."

Dr. John G. Snelling spoke concerning the Memorial Mercy Home and Hospital; $198 had been raised for the work. Dr. M. S. Monk spoke for the Advocate. He also read the financial report for Memorial Home. On motion of H. W. Rickey a rising vote of thanks was extended Dr. and Mrs. Snelling and the doctors and nurses for their humanitarian work.

Devotional talks were given at other sessions by J. C. Sensintaffar, pastor at Jonesville, and T. T. Howse, of Montrose. These talks, together with the sermon by R. R. Branton, of Natchitoches, were of high order.

The lay delegates to the Annual Conference are: Mrs. W. A. Hall, Ferriday; Mrs. E. C. Dufresne, Ferriday; Mrs. L. A. Sims, Natchitoches; W. H. Bishop, Jena; Mrs. H. V. Dunford, Rochelle; E. B. Rogers, Pineville; Chas. N. White, Alexandria; W. S. Mitchell, Natchitoches; Mrs. B. T. Gallaher, Trout; Judge R. W. Oglesby, Winnfield. Alternates: Mrs. W. I. Townsend, Boyce; B. T. Gallaher, Trout; H. V. Dunford, Rochelle.

Mr. C. O. Holland, Conference Lay Leader, made a fine address to the body. He is doing a good work. Mr. H. V. Dunford, District Lay Leader, was present, discharging his duties. Mrs. V. T. Gallaher, District Secretary of Golden Cross, spoke, and S. A. Seegers, Conference Director, told of actual help given in hospitals from these funds.

Mr. H. V. Dunford, Rochelle, R. E. Galloway, LeCompte, and W. S. Mitchell, Natchitoches, were elected lay leaders.

The Conference adopted the second Sunday, or as near thereto as possible, as Golden Cross Day.

Mrs. W. L. Gilmore addressed the Conference on Children's Work and parent education.

G. W. Dameron, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Christian Education, spoke and presented the District staff: Dr. R. H. Harper, who cooperated to the fullest; Mrs. Maud McFarlan, Intermediate Worker; Mrs. Chas. N. White, Y. P. Worker, and Mrs. John Valentine, Adult Worker. We certainly ought to go forward in Christian education. Two camps in June will be held at Sicily Island.

James Buchannon McCann, Pineville, was unanimously granted license to preach.

H. B. Thompson, honored superannuate of Bayou Chicot, was present, and the presiding elder extended to him felicitations before the Conference.

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Winnfield and Ferriday put up stirring fights for the next Conference. This was unusual, as sometimes the elder has to hunt for a place. The Conference goes to Ferriday.

Resolutions were passed calling for the Annual Conference to meet in Opelousas as near to January, 1947, the 100th anniversary of the organization of the Louisiana Annual Conference, as possible; also pledging district cooperation in the building of a new brick church in Opelousas.

The presiding elder, Dr. Harper, presided, as formerly, "with ease, grace, and dignity;" the fellowship was fine, the city was beautiful with flowers and hospitality, the weather was great, and the Lord was with us.

J. CUDE ROUSSEAUX,
Secretary.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS

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session, and that would mean heavy expense. Under such circumstances our General Conference would doubtless vote first, but expediency and expense saving are on the side of our Annual Conferences voting first. If they vote affirmatively, which now seems probable, there will be no need of a long session of the General Conference. The General Conference can act with full knowledge in making provisions for the Uniting Conference and all that it involves, and for financial arrangements for the ensuing period. The practical advantages in the Annual Conferences voting first are very great. In view of all the facts and conditions it seems clear that the prior vote of the Annual Conferences is not only legal but logical and sensible.

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. J. M. Corley, pastor at Fayette, has his Advocate quota with three to spare. We salute him and his people as a quota pastor and a quota charge. Five of the ilst sent are new subscriptions.

Rev. W. H. Lewis, pastor at Lucedale, is a quota pastor and his is a quota charge. Associated with Brother Lewis were Mrs. G. S. Helveston and Mrs. R. F. Allman, members of the Christian Literature Committee, to whom we make due acknowledgment also.

The Mississippi Conference is well in the lead on subscriptions sent in during the past week. More than fifty subscriptions were received, and the request for lists indicate general activity in the campaign.

Rev. Dan P. Yeager is in his fourth year as pastor of the Camden charge, and the work continues to grow under his wise and consecrated leadership. They are now making plans for extensive repairs on the parsonage.

The Brandon charge will soon begin the erection of an additional building in connection with the church. Their beautiful auditorium is one of the oldest in this state and is still a very handsome structure. Rev. J. E. Williams is the pastor at Brandon.

Rev. J. H. Cameron, a young man who was admitted on trial at the last Conference and appointed to the Carthage Circuit, is having unusual success in the kingdom's work. At a recent quarterly conference all of the churches in the charge reported progress.

The Seashore, Hattiesburg and Meridian District conferences were well attended and the proceedings were marked by harmony and manifest good will. The additions by profession of faith were fewer than one would expect, but in that section the meetings come in mid-summer.

Dr. Winnfield, of Whitworth College, had a very serious accident recently. It appears that he was returning to Whitworth with some of the young ladies after having met an engagement in the interest of the college, and his car was practically demolished, but no occupant of it was seriously injured.

Rev. C. E. Downer, pastor of Clinton Circuit, and the good people of Richland church are completing the extensive repairs on their church building and a new annex which will greatly increase the facilities of the Church School. When it is finished it is going to be one of the most complete buildings in the rural section.

Rev. Geo. P. McKeown is having a most auspicious beginning as pastor at Carthage, Miss. The congregations are increasingly large and every department of the church is growing. He and his good people are making an effort to liquidate the entire indebtedness on the church building, which is one of the most attractive in the Conference.

Mr. W. D. Hawkins, Missionary Secretary for the Mississippi Conference, was painfully injured in an automobile accident a few days ago. The driver of the car was killed and Brother Hawkins was catapulted out of the car. No bones were broken and he is in a Meridian hospital recovering from the shock and the bruises which he received. We are glad to be able to report that he will soon be entirely recovered.

The people of Flora have torn down the old church building in preparation for the erection of a more commodious and handsome brick veneer structure. This is the second building enterprise that the present pastor, Rev. B. H. Williams, has projected during his pastory. Last year he completed a beautiful brick veneer church in the Adell Community. This is Brother Williams' fourth year as the pastor of Flora.

Owing to peculiar conditions existing in First Church, Gulfport, at this time, it has been thought advisable to change the place of meeting for the Annual Conference from Gulfport to Court Street, Hattiesburg. We understand that all the facts were canvassed and that the change was made to prevent imposing an unnecessary hardship upon the Gulfport church—not that they were either unable or unwilling to undertake the entertainment, as they had agreed to do.

The Benton charge is making continued progress under the consecrated leadership of the pastor, Rev. Roy Lane. They assumed a substantial increase on benevolences for this year and have already on hand about 60 per cent of their assumption. They also have increased the pastor's salary $220, making it $1500. At this time they are replacing the old roof on their beautiful parsonage with a new asbestos roof, costing them $400. At the beginning of the year they gave the pastor a new car.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Brookhaven District Conference met in the Crystal Springs Methodist church on April 13-14. On the night of the 12th, Rev. E. L. Ledbetter, pastor at Utica, preached.

The Conference proper opened at 9 o'clock a. m. on the 13th, with Rev. R. H. Clegg, presiding elder, leading the devotional.

The Conference was then called to order and organized with the election of Rev. H. L. Daniels as secretary, and Rev. M. H. Wells as assistant secretary.

The various interests of the church were represented by able speakers. The Methodist Orphans' Home was represented by the superintendent, Mr. Fred McDonald.

The chaplain's work at the Sanatorium at Magee was presented by Rev. W. M. Williams, the chaplain.

The Memorial Mercy Home at New Orleans was represented by Rev. J. G. Snelling, the superintendent, and by Rev. Otto Porter.

Mr. W. D. Hawkins, the versatile man of our Conference, presented the cause of Missions and the Golden Cross.

The New Orleans Christian Advocate was represented by Rev. A. M. Broadfoot in the absence of Dr. Duren, the editor. A communication of regret of not being able to be present, from Dr. Duren, was read by the secretary.

The cause of Temperance was presented by Rev. J. L. Neill.

The program of Christian Education was in charge of Rev. I. H. Sells, Ex-Sec. of the Conference Board of Christian Education. Dr. C. A. Bowen of the General Board, was the principal speaker; he emphasized the importance of Christian education in a most impressive manner.

Dr. D. M. Key represented Millsaps College, and Dr. G. F. Winfield represented Whitworth College, who, after a brief statement, presented the Glee Club of Whitworth, and they rendered a most splendid program.

Mr. V. D. Youngblood, a layman in the Brookhaven church, presented the Whitworth College Endowment Campaign.

The lay activity program was in charge of the District Lay Leader, Mr. Curtis Youngblood, who made a very interesting talk and then presented Dr. J. M. Sullivan, Conference Lay Leader, who spoke very effectively on the work of the laity.

The Bishops' Crusade was presented by Rev. J. L. Neill, the Conference Director.

No one was licensed to preach, but one young man, Rev. John Price Payne, of Campti, on the Utica work, was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission.

Rev. I. E. Williams was elected District Director of the Golden Cross.

Curtis Youngblood was elected District Lay Leader, with C. E. Baker and A. E. Loftin as Associate Lay Leaders.

Rev. J. B. Holyfield was elected District Missionary Secretary.

Sixteen delegates were elected to Annual Conference, as follows: Curtis Youngblood, Mrs. R. H. Clegg, Mrs. C. W. Crisler, J. W. Leggett, Sr.; R. E. Ber nett, Mrs. L. W. Alford, H. H. Goza, S. E. Denman, V. D. Youngblood, G. W. Hallaway, J. B. Alford, R. I. Fairchild, C. E. Baker, E. A. Loftin, J. M. Ewing and A. D. Breeland.

Five alternate delegates were elected, as follows: J. B. Smith, Dan McDowell, W. A. Jordan, E. S. Bowlus and R. M. Speed.

Rev. J. W. Sells, pastor of Court St. church, Hattiesburg, made a short talk on the history of Mississippi Methodism that will come from the press in the late summer, and about forty-five volumes were sold.

An offering was taken for the purpose of placing the New Orleans Christian Advocate in the Sanatarium at Magee.

The Committee on License to Preach was appointed by the presiding elder, as follows: Rev. Otto Porter, Rev. J. L. Neill, Dr. C. W. Crisler and Rev. H. L. Daniels.

The following ministers preached during the Conference: Rev. E. L. Ledbetter, Rev. J. L. Neill, Rev. L. L. Roberts and Rev. I. E. Williams.

Rev. R. H. Clegg, presiding elder, presiding for the first time over a District Conference, wrought well. He presided as a veteran at the job. He was brotherly in all his decisions, yet firm. He won a decided place in the hearts of all attendants upon the Conference.

H. L. DANIELS, Secretary.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Vicksburg District Conference was called to order in the beautiful new Methodist church in Rolling Fork, Miss., at 9 a. m., April 14, by the Rev. H. A. Gatlin, presiding elder, who conducted the opening devotions and presided over all the sessions of the Conference with such wisdom and dispatch that there was not a dull moment from the opening to the conclusion of the Conference.

After finishing the morning devotions, the presiding elder requested the secretary of last year's District Conference to call the roll, and it was found that all the pastors in the District except Rev. F. B. Ormond, who was detained because of the serious illness of his wife, were in attendance. A total of 108 of both clergy and laity attended the Conference.

T. J. O'Neil was elected secretary, and Floyd O. Lewis was elected assistant secretary.

All necessary committees for the Conference were nominated by the presiding elder, and elected by the Conference.

The reports of the pastors showed that 264 members have been added to the church rolls in the District this year, and that more than $2,000 has been paid on benevolences, Nebo charge leading in percentage paid on benevolences to date. Under the efficient leadership of the pastor, Rev. J. A. McRaney, this charge has

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

The Clarksdale church is in the midst of a campaign for the complete liquidation of a debt of long standing. We learn that there are good prospects of success in the effort.

Thirteen members were added to the church at Hollandale on April 11. Rev. W. C. Galceran, Jr., is the pastor, and he is giving a good account of his stewardship in other respects as well.

Mrs. N. D. Guerry, wife of the pastor at Glen Allan and Winterville, is reported to be making a satisfactory recovery from a mastoid operation following an infection from influenza. The operation was performed at the King's Daughters' Hospital, Greenville, on April 16.

Rev. A. P. Stephens, of Kosciusko, assisted Rev. R. H. B. Gladney in a meeting at Duncan and Alligator recently. Brother Gladney says that his preaching and his singing attracted people who had not been in the habit of attending church, and he rendered an excellent service. The New Methodist Hymnal was used and with great satisfaction to all.

A coaching conference for workers with children in the Columbus District will be held at Ackerman, April 21. Miss Barnett Spratt, of Nashville, Mrs. C. A. Parks, Conference Director of Children's Work, Mrs. W. B. Hinchcliff, superintendent of Children's Work for the Conference Woman's Missionary Society, and Rev. Roy A. Grisham, executive secretary of Christian Education, will lead the discussions.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Aberdeen District Conference, North Mississippi Conference, will meet at Water Valley on May 6-7, 1937, Rev. T. H. Dorsey, pastor-host.

Dr. Robert W. Goodloe, of Southern Methodist University, will be the guest speaker, and will be on the program for three or four lectures on the Bible.

Representatives of the various causes will be heartily welcomed. We trust that some one or more of the Advocate force will be present.

W. P. BUHRMAN, P. E.

GREENWOOD DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Greenwood District Conference will be held at Sunflower on May 11 and 12. Conference opens Tuesday morning, May 11, at 9:30 and will close Wednesday afternoon, the 12th, about 3 o'clock.

A special feature of the program will be four Bible lectures by Dr. N. C. McPherson, of Nashville. His first lecture will be Monday night. Brother Dowdle, our pastor-host, is inviting all delegates who can to be present Monday night for the first Bible Lecture. Dr. McPherson will speak twice daily during the Conference.

Dr. McPherson begins his Bible lectures at Sunflower Sunday morning, the 9th. All pastors near Sunflower are requested to call off their Sunday evening services and urge their people to drive to Sunflower and hear Dr. McPherson.

A. T. McILWAIN, P. E.

GREENWOOD DISTRICT INSTITUTES

The Greenwood District of the North Mississippi Conference has just completed a group of Institutes for the instruction of the workers of the church. Four of these meetings were held, and in all of them there was great interest shown. On April 13 the meeting was held at Kilmichael, on the 14 at Moorehead, on the 15 at Tchula, and on the 16 at Webb.

In all of these meetings all of the churches of the District were represented except two. Rev. Roy A. Grisham, Conference Extension Secretary, led the discussion. Mr. Bain, Director of Adult Work of this District, was present.

Mrs. McIlwain, Director of Children's Work, and Geo. D. York, Director of Young People's Work, were present. We feel that this has been four of the greatest meetings ever held in this District. Rev. A. T. McIlwain, presiding elder, is expecting great things in the district as a direct result of these meetings. Very noticeable was the interest taken by the workers of the churches, as large numbers of them were present at the meetings. REPORTER.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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paid its quota of benevolences in full.

The preaching was done by Rev. J. L. Neill, Rev. C. A. Schultz and Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs. The announcement of these names is all that is necessary to convince the reading public that the preaching was well done.

The Conference was honored with the presence of Dr. D. M. Key, of Millsaps College; Dr. G. F. Winfield, of Whitworth College; Dr. C. A. Bowen, editorial secretary of the General Board of Christian Education; Rev. I. H. Sells, Executive Extension Secretary of the Mississippi Conference Board of Christian Education; a group of students from Whitworth College, Rev. J. G. Snelling, of the Memorial Mercy Home in New Orleans; Mr. Fred McDonald, of the Methodist Orphanage in Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sutton, of the Children's Home Finding Society in Jackson, and Mr. W. D. Hawkins, Missionary Secretary of the Mississippi Annual Conference.

The following were elected lay delegates to the Annual Conference: Mrs. T. H. Fore, J. G. Anders, R. T. Liddell, Dr. H. H. Austin, Mrs. Carl Lehman, Mrs. J. V. Bennett, Jno. P. Bennett, H. H. Crisler, S. W. Sharbrough, Mrs. P. H. Grice, Mrs. W. T. Hegman and E. T. Harvey, with Mrs. W. C. Resor, H. A. Ford, Mrs. J. E. Gray and Mrs. W. O. Sadler, alternates.

A. W. Wilson, a most excellent young local preacher who is supplying Lorman charge, was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in the traveling connection.

Fayette was selected as the host city of the 1938 District Conference.

Rev. P. H. Grice proved himself to be a very thoughtful and alert Conference host. He and the good people of Rolling Fork received and entertained the Conference most graciously. Sumptuous and appetizing lunches were served at the church by the ladies at the noon hour both days of the Conference.

T. J. O'Neil, Secretary.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

By Lottie Mae Hoyte

This paper was prepared as research work, and I have, therefore, quoted several different authors, but will not take time to give credit to each one. I have tried to arrange the discussion to represent my own and most of the other Whitworth College girls' ideals of what we want our homes to be.

The family is the first and most fundamental social organization. Upon it all other social organizations are founded. Upon its purity and permanence, the purity and permanence of the social order in all its forms depend. The problem of the family is, therefore, the most important of all social problems.

The family throughout the ages has been exceedingly sensitive to political, economic, and social changes, and has adopted different forms under varying social conditions and property relationships.

In the beginning of this country the family on the average farm was an industrial as well as a social unit. All of its members cooperated in planting and harvesting crops, and in the dozens of other tasks necessary for the upkeep of the farm. All the members of the family were in constant touch with one another. Even practically all of the necessities of life were produced and manufactured right on the farm. The school and the church, it is true, supplemented the educational and religious training given by the parents, but the main center of activity was the home, which bound together the members of the family from the youngest to the oldest with a thousand economic and personal ties.

The pioneer agricultural family exists no longer. The machine and power age has transformed it almost beyond recognition. The vast majority of the population no longer live on the farm, but in the cities, working, when employed, in the factory, shop, office and store.

In place of the old homestead, the modern family lives in a rented apartment or tenement. The father, and, in many instances, the mother, away at work all day, have little chance to become acquainted with the children.

The children use the home largely as a place in which to eat and sleep. The remainder of the time they spend in school, on the street, in a city park or playground, the "Y," or settlement gymnasium, or at a Boy Scout or Campfire Girls' meeting. In the evening, if they don't stay at home and listen to the radio, the street, the movies, the social club, or the automobile claim them.

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The children have few duties to perform in the two and three-room apartments. they have few experiences in common with their parents. Home is, in general, no longer the place in which to entertain one's friends. And when the parents wish to know just how boys or girls are progressing, they must inquire of the school teacher, the recreational center supervisor, the leader of the street gang, the minister of the local church, or the proprietor of a dance hall, or some other.

The parent still stands to pay the bills for the children and provides for their food, shelter, and education, but many of the other ties that bound the older and younger generation together are gone, probably forever.

Many of the ties that bind husband and wife have thus become loosened. The result has been an increasing number of divorces and separations, with one divorce for about five marriages, as compared with one to thirty marriages at the beginning of the century. This in turn has led to more liberal divorce laws and to greater equality for women in property relationships.

With the sacredness, the seriousness, and the permanence of marriage so often called in question today, with divorce so rapidly increasing, and broken homes still more numerous, thoughtful people, realizing the imminence of disaster, are searching for a stabilizer for the fmaily. The Christian home is too precious an institution to be undermined by these subtle social changes of our hectic modern life. It has made possible the most precious possessions of our Christian civilization. We cannot afford to lose it. At all costs it must be stabilized and rescued from threatened danger.

In our search for a stabilizer of the family we can find nothing effective but religion. We thoroughly believe that unless Jew and Christian come back to this ultimate source of spiritual life, moral motivation and social wholesomeness, then that precious heritage of our civilization, the normal human family, is on the rocks, for nothing else can save it.

Divorce, of course, is only a symptom, not the ultimate disease, but it is a very serious symptom. And it is a very significant fact that while the ratio of divorces to marriages in this country at large has risen to one in seven, the ratio in religious families is probably less than one in fifty. That is, a Christian home has seven times the chance of being permanent and unbroken that the irreligious home has. From this we may draw two definite conclusions: (1) Divorces in America are mostly among people without religious training, and (2) religion is our best possible insurance against divorce.

We do not have to search far afield for some very sound reasons why the Christian religion stabilizes the family. It reduces disintegrating influences of the family to the minimum because it teaches reverence for personality and the rights of others. In Christianity, more than in other religions, the outstanding virtue is kindness. It makes people more considerate and more patient, more thoughtful of others. The more Christian one is, the less selfish he grows. The whole Christian movement has always opposed self-indulgence, which is a major symptom in the disease of selfishness and the chief causes of the troubles leading to divorce. The religion of Jesus is the surest stabilizer of the family also, because it teaches the finest kind of friendly teamwork and develops stable character in the process.

Our religion is more than ritual, sacrament, or cult, though it includes them all. It is a wonderful way of living, as natural as it is spiritual. It is the human experience of God's life and love in the midst of our ordinary tasks. It is a life of love, faith and service of God and fellow men, inspired by the ideals and purposes of Christ. It is the Jesus way of thinking, feeling, doing, and being, throughout the whole range of daily living, but especially in relation to life's supreme values. From this analysis of religion it is easy to see that the first tests of religion are always at home, and its most natural laboratory is the family circle. To make such a religion vital and effective in the family life of the nation is not a simple proposition.

To resist the pagan trend in the changing family we must first call a halt in the social disintegration which is going on within it, and take back some of its surrendered functions. Fathers and mothers must not abdicate. They are responsible for the character growth of their children. Let them acknowledge it. The home is responsible for endowing the children with the great moral safeguards of life—self-control, self-respect, a sense of honor, and the spirit of chivalry—also the primary, homespun virtues, such as honesty, truth-telling, and a sense

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, MAY 2

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

ABRAHAM A MAN OF FAITH

The Bible lives because it fits humanity. The call of Abraham and the temptations of Jesus are duplicated in the life of every normal man, and multitudes know the sorrows of Job and the anxiety of him who waited the return of a prodigal son. The faith of Abraham is the more remarkable because the promise of God seemed impossible of fulfillment. He gave up his home land with its material comforts to go in quest of spiritual enrichment, gave up what meant much for himself to bequeath a better heritage to others. By the vision and faith of such men has the world advanced to new levels and achievements. Perhaps no human exodus has meant more to civilization than the trek of this obscure but devout sheik to a new country, and it was neither numbers nor wealth but the character of the man that gave meaning to his pilgrimage.

It is strange that men have thought faith and reason to be contraries, whereas they are Siamese twins. Knowledge promotes faith, just as one puts more trust in his long-time friend. Man is distinguished for both faith and reason, but all knowledge begins with faith. One who does not begin by accepting the word of parent and teacher simply never begins. We learn by trusting. Suspicion and skepticism are characteristic of ignorance. Abraham had reason to believe God; he had tried him, and had not been disappointed. The psalmist said: "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Those who know most of God manifest the strongest faith in his goodness and dependability. Wise men prove all things and hold fast to that which is good. Abraham went out not knowing whither he went, but well knowing whom he had believed. His faith based on experience was more than justified by the outcome.

Superstition is timid and passive; faith is courageous and active. There is a sort of double affirmative in the report of the journey of Abraham and his group—"they went forth to go." Such pioneers do not turn back. The fearful and the unbelieving bring up the rear-guard in every company, finally being cast out from participation in the rewards of the brave and the faithful. The world of today wallows in confusion and stagnation not for lack of knowledge so much as for lack of faith. God has plainly indicated that peace and plenty follow the way of brotherhood and good will. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Abraham was an altar-builder. Where he rested he worshiped. Men who put God first leave an inheritance that blesses all mankind. Our Bible and our religion are in large measure products of Abraham's faith. We can never repay our debt to the ancient Hebrews, and it is a matter of great Christian joy that through faith we have entered into fellowship with faithful Abraham. When his descendants are counted, let it not be according to blood but according to faith, as Jesus plainly taught. Though he founded a tribe, he worshiped no tribal God, but one whose blessing extended to "all the families of the earth." God is no respecter of persons and has no favorites. He blessed Abraham that he might be a blessing. When his posterity ceased to discharge their responsibility they ceased to enjoy their high privilege as chosen people. Religious pride is ever fatal to religious life.

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The Christian Fireside

NATURAL BATH TUBS

In Yosemite National Park, California, a new group of potholes, which may have served as bath tubs for Nuchus Indians, have been discovered just a half mile west of Wawona, up Big Creek, easily accessible to a moderately accomplished hiker.

The area which includes the potholes is of unusual geological and ethnological interest and is very beautiful with its swift-flowing streams, steep barricades of granite boulders on one bank and gradual sandy slopes on the other.

Scattered along the Big Creek every few rods are projecting ledges and expanses of rocks in which have been worn innumerable circular holes. They range in diameter from three inches to ten feet, and their depths are also varied. Several are as perfect tubs as any humanly designed. One measures five feet in length, four feet in width, and five feet in depth, and is so worn-down on one side that the water just barely washes over the rim into the cavity, keeping the contents fresh and clear. All possess that too-symmetrical form of nature-made holes and their existence is probably due to gradual erosion in which sand in suspension in the water whirls around in a circle and acts as an abrasive.

Once a depression has been started, the erosion is speeded by the addition of larger rocks and driftwood to the grinding sand. The giant size of several of these potholes would indicate several thousand years of wearing away.

Arrowheads found near the holes prove that Indians either lived or camped near them.—Exchange.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

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of fair play. When the home fails at this point, the vacancy is seldom filled by other agencies.

Many of us need to face the fact that the home is for children. It is time our self-indulgent, ultra-modern parents discovered that the welfare of children is, and rightfully should be, the chief objective of the family. Selfish pleasure, business success, social triumphs, are all dust in the balances when we fail with our children.

If the city family is to win its present struggle for survival it should develop a home-centered life again. Let there be more home-centered fellowship for the entire family, more family recreation, more sharing of life, cost what it may in sacrifice of selfish interests of the father, mother, and older children.

If the home would face its religious responsibility it should set a higher moral standard. We have been asking since the World War, "What ails our youth?" The truest answer is, "Lawless parents." There must be decided improvement at this point before we shall have wholesome and effective home influence.

The religious example of parents is the next essential. Various religious experts are expected to make the boys and girls religious, and they are required to perform this miracle as professionals without any but financial help from the home. Parents are now discovering that it is almost hopeless to develop Christian character in their children unless they themselves set the example.

Religion makes character. The real test of home religion is whether or not the religious spirit and ideals of the family are actually getting into life and conduct; if not, it has failed, even though it succeeds in filling the family pew every Sunday and enrolling every member of the household in church membership.

Wise cooperation between the home, the church, the church school, and the day school is necessary to make the learning process and the character growth a real unity, as they should logically be.

In every way, Christian parents should resolve to rebuild the neglected temples of home religion and thus make the home the social and religious center for the entire family.

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Zone Program—Special Event—Membership Campaign

"The woman's missionary organization must provide the kind of program of work which shall make an unmistakable appeal, especially to those women who, lacking missionary motive, and for other reasons fail to find in the W. M. S. any major interest. We have been forced to realize there are defects somewhere which have caused thousands of women who should belong to W. M. S. to remain outside its membership. To learn why we have failed to enlist their interest and to remedy this defect in our work is one of our chief concerns."—Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, Council Secretary of Promotion.

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Devotional—"Upper Room."

Discussion—"The Religious Needs of Rural Women." (It is suggested that two rural women talk).

Parallelism—"Young Women's Needs and W. M. S. Opportunities." (A young woman should present needs and capable W. M. S. answer).

A young woman needs: (a) Friendship, social contacts, sympathetic understanding; (b) A broadened vision—to learn the higher values of life, to become "missionary-minded;" (c) To use knowledge and skills acquired through more modern education and advantages; (d) To give unselfishly to a challenging and entrusted cause; (e) A deepened spiritual life; (f) Need to be needed.

The W. M. S. offers: (a) Fellowship—sharing unselfish service for others; (b) The mission study program through which we learn to Christianize all outlooks; (c) Methodist literature has been acclaimed by leading educators as being superior to any in the world. The presenting and interpreting of it challenges such skill and education as is yours; (d) Our vast missionary enterprise holds opportunity for your money to become "coined personality for Christ;" (e) We have groups sharing personal experiences in spiritual growth. Our Bible study, our Church School, religious work, helping us live and work for what we believe; (f) We feel when we are getting young women we are continuing to grow. We want you; we need you!

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Talk: "The Bishops' Crusade"—(a) Church-wide emphasis on deepened spiritual life; (b) Our spiritual life groups and W. M. S. as channels through which to meet this need.

Summation—The W. M. S., more than any other organization for women, contains cultural and character-building elements, because it is concerned with the whole personality—moral, intellectual and social—plus a spiritual idealism.

To Zone Leaders: This is only a suggested outline; if you have something better do not hesitate to use it. Consider the situation in your zone and adapt program material.

MRS. D. L. ST. JOHN,
Conference Secretary.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

Special stress is to be laid this year on attaining the Efficiency Aim. It CAN be done was heard over and over at Council and again at Conference in Aberdeen. These quarterly reports that are being sent offer a splendid way of self-checking to see if the planned program of work has been followed. This systematic method would inevitably lead to a covering of all points on the Efficiency Aim. This week we have such a report from Itta Bena.

Report of the Itta Bena Missionary Society for the first quarter of 1937: All meetings have been held on time with splendid attendance. The planned programs have been used, the Bulletin given, and all meetings reported to the County paper.

For the Bible study, "The Parable of Jesus" is being used. Splendid lectures are given each meeting.

The Mission Study Book, "Out of Africa," has been completed. This most interesting book was thoroughly enjoyed.

There is a very good increase in our membership pledge for the year.

There are several new subscriptions to the World Outlook. A World Outlook program is presented each quarter.

The Sunshine Committee has been very active, visiting and remembering the needy and sick of the community.

The World Day of Prayer was held at the Baptist Church. A large number of ladies from the three churches attended this splendid program. A nice offering was sent to the Foreign Mission Board.

The Christian Social Relations chairman and Committee have been busy with the work. Much has been done toward attaining the Standard of Efficiency set for the C. S. R. work. As the project work, nine undernourished rural children have been fed at the school lunch room and literature has been sent into white rural homes and colored schools and churches.

Repairing and redecorating has been done at the parsonage and the church dining room and kitchen.

The Society aided the Sunday School in buying new song books for the church.

Coupons are coming in nicely. Ten dollars was sent for the Rural Special this quarter.

The Young Women's Missionary Circle is functioning nicely, with fine plans laid out for the year. They have made a substantial membership pledge and have fed two undernourished rural children at the lunch room.

It is indeed gratifying to note the interest and enthusiasm with which the women have entered into this year's work. MRS. J. E. CUNE.

LETTER FROM BISHOP AINSWORTH

My Dear Brother: I am happy to inform you that I have been dismissed from Emory University Hospital, where I have been for two months, and I am now at my home in Macon.

The doctor seems quite happy over the progress I have made. He says, and without my asking him, that there is no murmur in my heart and that all the cylinders and valves are hitting properly. (I do not know whether my machine has four, six, eight or twelve cylinders). I will, of course, be restricted for some time in my engagements and work, but I expect in due course to be able to discharge my normal tasks. I really feel better than I have felt for a year or two.

God has been good to me each hour during these days of waiting, and I am very grateful to many friends for their expressions of interest. I trust your own work goes well.

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In Memoriam

MRS. KATIE DRAKE BONNEY

Mrs. Katie Drake Bonney was born on October 21, 1862, and died on April 6, 1937. At a very early age she joined the church of her father and mother and of her forefathers, her paternal grandfather having been a noted Methodist preacher. She loved her Lord and served him faithfully all the days of her life. Bereft of the husband she loved, just two years ago, she bowed in submission to His will. She loved to attend church, Sunday School, missionary and prayer meetings to the end, and loved to join in singing the dear old hymns. She is with her loved ones now, and happy. SISTER.

WHITAKER

"There is no death! The Stars go down
To rise upon some other shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forever more."

On Thursday, February 25th, God, in his infinite wisdom called to her heavenly home, our beloved sister and co-worker, Mrs. J. R. Whitaker (Aunt Whitaker as she was lovingly called).

Mrs. Whitaker was not a native of Mississippi; she was born in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, October 8, 1858. She was reared in a Christian home, and early gave herself into God's service.

In 1903 she came to make her home in Meridian, and immediately united with Central Church, became an enthusiastic member of the Woman's Missionary Society and a diligent worker in the Sunday School.

She was largely instrumental in organizing the City Mission Board, and served as its second president for a period of twelve years. Her life was so absorbed in that work that she became known as "Wesley House Mother."

Her special work in Central church, as long as she was active, was with the little children, and the extent of her influence there eternity, alone, will unfold.

Mrs. Whitaker, a truly consecrated Christian, was an inspiration to all in her constant attendance on all church services, and the keen interest she took in all work pertaining to the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. By precept and example she taught the higher things of life, and led many into broader fields of service.

Then, it becomes the sad privilege of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central church to give expression of our deep appreciation of her life and character. Therefore, be it resolved that in the passing of this dear sister we have lost a friend, indeed, whose prayers and sympathy we have long felt.

Strong in characteristics, gentle in spirit, ambitious that she might serve the better, indomitable in energy, her nobler life passed into its own. We know that her spirit, freed from the bondage of flesh, soared like a bird uncaged into God's eternal skies, for "Precious in the

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sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

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We say "She hath done what she could." We feel that her many prayers were answered, and that she stood before that Great White Throne, and heard that ever welcome plaudit: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Resolved, that we, the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Church extend to her devoted son and daughter our heart-felt sympathy in their great loss. We commend them to their dear Saviour, as they wait to meet her in the home prepared for God's children, eternal in the Heavens.

Be it further Resolved, that on the pages of our record book these resolutions be spread in memory of our beloved sister, and that a copy be sent to the son and daughter.

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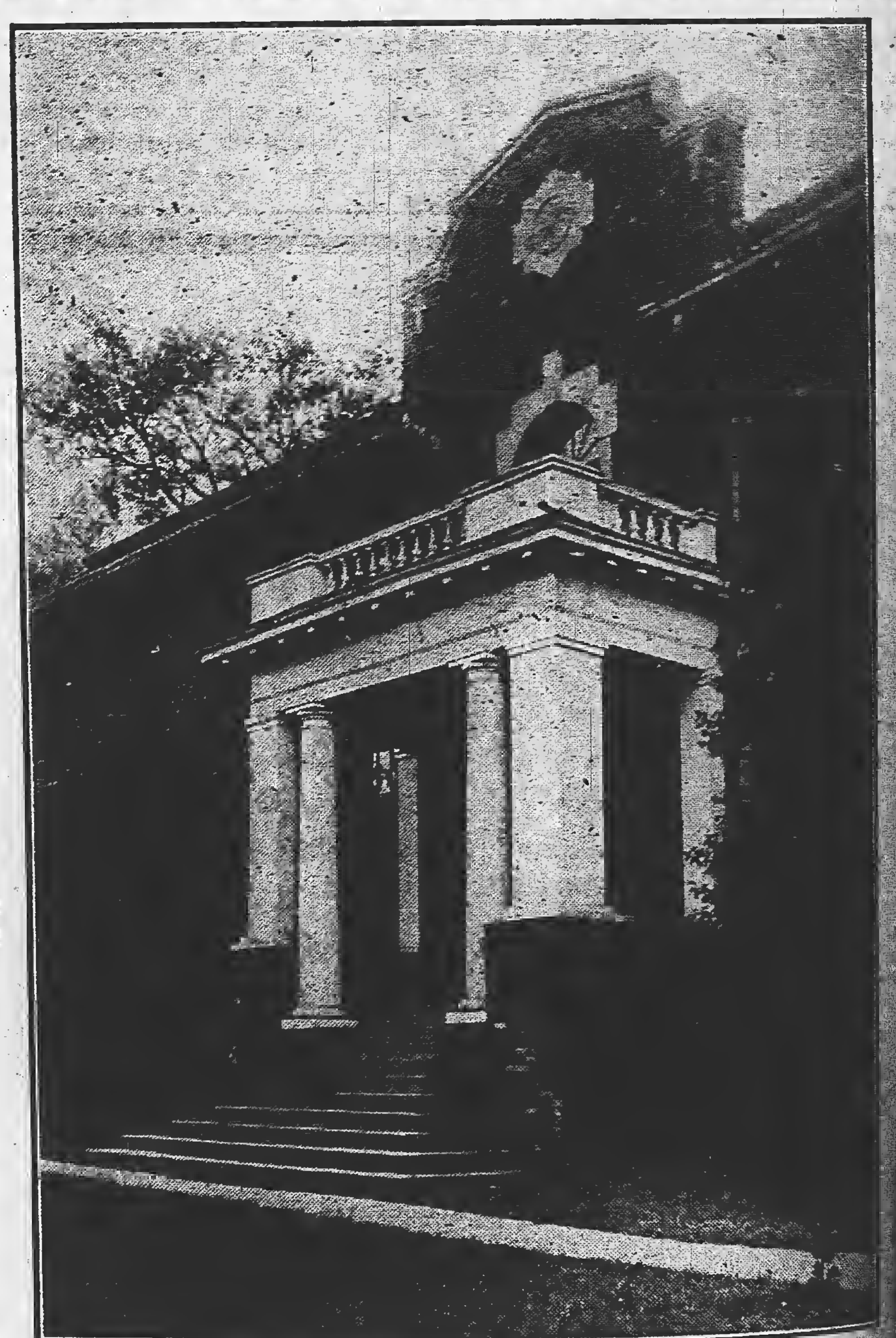

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My Mother's Love

By Edna Vivian Corbin

With tear-dimmed eyes, I sit and think
Of days not long ago,
When thy dear self was yet with me
Within this world below.
And in my fancy I then feel
Thine arms my form embrace,
Then feel again, in memory,
Thy kiss upon my face.
And, though I know I ne'er shall see
Thee more upon this sphere,
There comes the thought, thy love surrounds
And guards me, Mother, dear.

And as I sit, I dream of years,
Alone, I'll have to spend,
Without the loving counsel of
My dearest, earthly friend.
I also think of afterwards,
When time no more shall be,
When all the dead in Christ shall rise
To live eternally.
And softly, then, I breathe a pray'r,
That God will give me grace
To fit my soul, so some glad day
I'll see thee face to face.

Then steals o'er me a sweet repose,
I feel I need not fear
The heartaches and the loneliness
Of every coming year;
For, once again, there comes the thought,
Oh, Mother, dearest friend,
The thought, thy love surroundeth me,
And will, till time shall end.
'Tis guarding with a tender care
That seems so dear to me,
And drawing me to that far land,
That far, fair land, and thee.

Wallet of the Week

ST. PAUL'S WAYSIDE CATHEDRAL is the name which Bishop Hobson, of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, has given to his trailer cathedral, according to *Time*. This novel experiment is to take the place of St. Paul's Cathedral, Cincinnati, which is to be razed. The trailer cathedral will be equipped with an altar, stained glass windows and possibly an organ—everything necessary to give it the equipment for and the atmosphere of worship. The plan is said to have received the approval of the Convention and the motorized church will soon be on the road.

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COURSES IN THE BIBLE are required by nearly all the Protestant colleges and universities of the United States for graduation. The Roman Catholic institutions require courses in religion. On this point, Professor William Lyons Phelps, of Yale University, expressed the opinion that a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without a knowledge of the Bible. This is the word of an eminent educator whose scholarship and experience have given him a wide horizon. It is not just the dictum of a preacher.

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FATHER DIVINE'S "branch of heaven" was totally destroyed by fire of mysterious origin recently. The twenty-two room structure located in New Platz, Ulster County, New York, seems to have been the headquarters of the somewhat noted Negro evangelist. The implication of burning even a "branch of heaven" has a rather strange sound when applied to things eternal, and the official investigation of the fire is not altogether heavenly in its suggestion. Such an incident is to be deplored anywhere, but it is a piece of good fortune that it did not occur in the South.

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MR. ROGER BABSON is reported to have sent out in one of the letters to his clients the advice: "Take an interest in the young people's work of your church, since it is the biggest thing you can do for your family." As a postscript, he added: "Use your influence to have your children attend a small college of high standing. Avoid big colleges, especially those popular colleges which have thrown religion out of the window." There is a real reason for that sage counsel and parents would do well to think it through before they settle upon an institution for the education of their children.

THE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY of the State of California is reported to be adding to its equipment a million dollars worth of new geological, chemical, and biological laboratories. The very pointed comment on the proposed expansion is that, a million dollars spent in a search for useful knowledge and fighting yet unconquered diseases is infinitely better news than the story of billions insanely and criminally wasted in preparation for war. The million represents the incense of devoted hearts, the billions the tax money wrung from citizens whose protests are not heard.

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THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS, a small sect who rigidly adhere to observing Saturday as their Sabbath, are said to have appointed sixty-two directors of local conferences throughout the country, with instructions to encourage aggressive opposition to Sunday legislation. The design of this act of the General Conference of the denomination is clearly a measure for making effective its opposition to the Christian Sunday, but its more serious effect is the alignment of the membership of the body with the "sons of Belial" in opposition to all righteousness—not just for specific resistance of Sunday laws.

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AN ISSUE OF BIBLES limited to two hundred copies is being sold mainly to English cathedrals, at three hundred and fifty dollars per copy. The books measure twelve and one-half by eighteen inches, they are bound in pigskin or levant morocco, and the gold leafing was applied by hand. It is a revival of the pulpit or lecturn type of Bible which has not been published for one hundred and fifty years. A copy was presented to the King and twenty copies have been reserved for private circulation.

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AFRICA, THE DARK CONTINENT, is now numerically the most Christian continent of the non-Christian world, according to an exchange. Protestant Christians are said to number more than eight and a half millions, their children under fourteen years of age number two and a half millions more, and another two million are enrolled as scholars in the Church School. One-half of the Christian population is to be found in the Union of South Africa, a British colony composed of the provinces of Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Transvaal, and Orange Free State.

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EDITORIAL

BISHOP McDOWELL

The death of Bishop William Fraser McDowell, on April 26, removes from the walks of men one of the most winsome and best beloved personalities of this generation, and it brings to a close a ministry and a public career worthy of the cause which he served so effectively. He was long a distinguished leader of the Methodist hosts and his life and official administration was a benediction to his Church. We are not influenced so much by his public career, for ours is a sorrow for the going of a personal friend. One snowy night in January, 1906, we met him at the railway station in Macon, Miss., and for the period of his Conference, he was a guest in our parsonage home. My wife and I were young and inexperienced and our first-born was a babe of two months. We were lifted by his great soul and inspired by the artless grace of his sympathetic and understanding heart. Despite his official burdens, he kept touch with us through the more than thirty years since the days of his sojourn in our home. Neither then nor afterward was any contact spoiled by even the slightest evidence of a feeling of condescension, never once did he fail in the smallest detail of Christian courtesy, and never a time did he indulge in effusive compliment. In our home he has been loved for thirty years because of what he was and what he has meant to us, and his going leaves a lonely and a desolate place on our Northern horizon. Regretfully we say goodbye, dear friend, until we shall hear thy hail at the dawn of life's eternal morning.

THE PRESIDENT VISITS NEW ORLEANS

The visit of President Roosevelt during the past week made a perfect day for New Orleans. Its historic reputation and love for pageantry, together with the element of civic and national pride, caused nothing to be left undone in a program befitting the honor of the Presidential visit. The streets were filled with a surging mass of people and the air seemed to be one great national flag. The weather was fine, no unseemly incident occurred, and an elaborate and colorful program was carried through without a hitch.

THE AMERICAN JEW

We hesitate to express our feeling with regard to the propaganda being circulated in behalf of the Jew. To begin with, we are not ignorant of the unspeakable tragedies of Jewish history and we have no desire to make even the smallest contribution to their estate of unhappiness. What we say here is based wholly upon the representations of Jews and their friends. We believe that much of this propaganda is unwise. The constant iteration of the fact that Jews are making large contribution to science, to social progress and to liberal democracy is of doubtful value as a racial breakwater. The use of expressions like "racial minority," "eternal scapegoat," and "Jew-baiting" does little to create larger tolerance in minds which do not think in such terms. And the very suggestion of radical methods for the suppression of anti-Semitism tends to offend people whose attitude is both honorable and friendly. We believe that this propaganda is too sweeping in its implications.

It seems also that there is a tendency to try the country as a whole upon a set of facts furnished by New York and its vicinity where the population is thirty per cent Hebrew. We do not think that such a thing is either wise or fair. Why lay a charge of discrimination against an educational institution which finds it necessary to fix a quota in order to protect its local clientele? If the equities based upon a strict adherence to the racial ratio of the country were adhered to, it is doubtful if the Jews would have as large representation particularly in professional schools, as they now have. It is our understanding that New York business establishments have been compelled to fix a policy of employing either all Jews or none, for the very practical reason that Jews and Gentiles do not get along together. It has been suggested that legislation be enacted to enforce the employment rights of the Jew and that powerful organizations put forth massive efforts to secure adequate Jewish employment recognition. All such schemes assume too much and we think would prove disastrous to Jewish interests.

It is alleged, too, that hostility to the Jew grows out of the part which he had in the crucifixion of Jesus, a factor whose influence is greatly exaggerated. The rank and file of Christians do not make a direct and positive application of that special event. As for the Christian Church, it cannot change the facts of history, it cannot present a Christ unrelated to the race from which He sprang or the life which He came to redeem. No one has a right to demand that Christianity surrender the history which makes its faith intelligible. We wonder if this interpretation may not be explained by the predominance of the ecclesiastical element among Jewish spokesmen? To use a phrase from "Jobs, Jews and Discrimination," it seems that there might be an underlying fear that in economic adjustment "moral and social consequences of a catastrophic scope may ensue."

May it not be that the Jews themselves have a responsibility for public attitude which they have failed to realize? We have in mind recent representations of the Jew as standing "apart from human kind," and as insisting upon living in "tight little worlds." It was the rugged Hebrew prophet, herdsman of Tekoa, who asked the question: "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" That is still good social philosophy. We have the feeling that Jewish contribution to the solution of social, economic and moral problems largely excepts himself and his "tight little world." As long as such is the case there will continue to be an irreconcilable difference. Surely the Jews need to think less of enlisting influential groups in their behalf and to become more actually social in their attitudes. Better far than being the patron of mankind in social service is to be the brother of mankind in heart and in deed.

EPISCOPAL ASSIGNMENTS—BISHOPS' CRUSADE

On Saturday we received the following telegram from Bishop Dobbs, which explains itself: "Bishop Arthur Moore takes Bishop Mouzon's District. No other changes. Crusade success.—Hoyt M. Dobbs."

This means that the Episcopal assignments remain the same, except that Bishop Arthur Moore will preside over the Conferences which were under the care of Bishop Mouzon last year. We have no information as to what arrangements were made for the mission fields in the Orient. The continuation of Bishop Dobbs in this Episcopal District will give eminent satisfaction, and the assurance of the success of the Bishops' Crusade in its first phase will be pleasing news to the entire Church. We are sincerely glad that our mission debt has been fully liquidated, and we hope that it may clear the way for a more vigorous program on our church frontiers. We trust also that the second phase of the Crusade may be pressed until the heart-warming experience of Aldersgate shall be felt in every church and every heart of Methodism. We cannot afford to undertake the evangelization of the world unless our own hearts shall be warmed anew.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

A FRIEND

When God saw that it was not good for man to be alone, he gave him a wife. By that gift he established the family, which is not only the foundation of civilized society, but is also the type of a divine-human relationship.

But we may reverently believe that God saw that life was still not quite complete—so he gave him a friend. A family and a friend—what more can this world offer?

There is a vast difference between a friend and a mere acquaintance. Acquaintanceship is only skin-deep; friendship reaches down into the inner recesses of the heart. My friend is a part of me—I am a part of him. And it is the best in both of us that joins us together.

Friendship is unselfish affection for another, and unselfish interest in another's welfare. It finds its happiness, not in self-gain, but in self-giving. So-called "friendship for what I can get out of it" is the crudest part of the law of the jungle. A snake will charm a bird, and a tiger will waylay its prey. Friendship for a fee is no better than hypocrisy for hire.

A beautiful thing about friendship is that it ministers happily, and sacrifices, if need be, cheerfully. When I have a friend, my time, my comfort, my money are his. How could it be otherwise when he already has my heart? The pity of a cautious affection!

When we have a friend, long weary days are not so long and weary; the hard bed of sickness is softer; the perplexities of life are not so puzzling; the burdens of the day do not bear so heavily upon weary shoulders; the silver lining shines from the edge of every cloud, and the rainbow makes us forget the storm.

Thank God for a friend!

DID MOSES USE ALPHABETICAL WRITING?

By H. N. Pharr

The recent celebration of the Jewish Passover has brought again to the attention of the reading public the marvelous event that marked the birth of a nationality, which has left its indelible impress upon the pages of history and has given to the world the three great religions of present day civilization.

For many years before the discovery of the legal code of Hammurabi, which was inscribed upon stone during the days of Abraham, critical scholars declared that Moses could not have written the laws of the Pentateuch, although he might have been the author of the Ten Commandments of Exodus. Even today these same authorities hold that most of the laws of Leviticus and Deuteronomy were formulated and written many centuries later. The foundation for this theory was the false assumption of several generations past that the art of writing was in its infancy in the days of the Great Lawgiver and virtually unknown to the Israelites until after the division of their kingdom. However, the more extensively and the more intensively archeologists investigate what remains of ancient civilization, in Palestine and adjacent lands, the less excuse there seems to be for the tenaciously held theory that the early history of the Jews was handed down from generation to generation by word of mouth and not committed to writing until long after the rule of David and Solomon. In the light of comparatively recent discoveries the theory meems untenable.

The Egyptian Hieroglyphics are rather conclusive evidence, that in one of the cradles of civilization man attempted very early to record events by the symbolical use of animate and inanimate objects. Each object represented a syllable or a word itself. Among other equally ancient nations of the East, however, the "wedge" was first used as the unit of written expression. By various combinations of wedges, at different angles, there was developed a complicated system of writing, known today as Cuneiform (wedge shaped) Script. Each of the multitudinous characters was expressive of a certain syllable, as evidenced in the Hammurabic writings and in thousands of other inscriptions available today. All knowledge of this system of writing had been lost and it required years of laborious and painstaking research to solve the mystery. Today many of these baked clay tablets inscriptions are being translated from a dozen or more hitherto unknown languages into modern speech.

To the Phoenicians, who inhabited the coastlands of Palestine in Old Testament days, scholarship has hitherto uniformly attributed the honor of originating the use of alphabetical writing. Through the selection and modification of a limited number of cuneiform characters, vocal sounds rather than syllables were expressed. The use of these 26 or 27 characters in forming words greatly simplified the art of writing. The Phoenicians had apparently reached a high state of culture as early as 1000 B. C. We know that one of their kings, Hiram of Tyre, furnished not only much of the material but the skilled workmen and master craftsmen for the building of Solomon's temple. Their origin has long been an interesting question. Herodotus claimed that they migrated from the Erythean (Red) Sea to the shores of the Mediterrean, that they were bold navigators and through commercial intercourse with the Greeks and other nations taught them the use of alphabetical writing.

There is an old tradition, however, that they came from the region of the Dead Sea, shortly after the tragic destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Archeological discoveries would seem to lend color to this report and even suggested that they brought alphabetical writing with them and did not develop it at a later period.

In three widely separated sections of Bible lands there have been found inscriptions, in what is now called Archaic Hebrew, corresponding to dates ranging from 1800 to 1250 B. C., or from the days of Isaac to those of the later Judges. And just here we should remember that the Israelites were only one branch of the great Hebrew race. All of the descendants of Eben, the great, great grandson of Shem, were known as Hebrews. Joseph, it is related, told Pharaoh that he was from the land of the Hebrews and this was several centuries before the first Passover. This Archaic language was evidently not only used by Abraham and his descendants but by his kinsmen, who must have dominated Palestine at that time and in all probability had conquered Egypt and were later known as the Hyksos Kings.

The first discovery of these Archaic Hebrew inscriptions was made in an ancient Semitic Temple, on the peninsula of Sinai, during the early part of the present century. A date as early as 1800 B. C. has been assigned to them by skilled archeologists. They are not in the conventional Cuneiform Script, like the Tel el Amarna letters, between the petty kings of Palestine and their overlord, the Pharaoh of Egypt, at the time Joshua was threatening Canaan. They are written in 27 alphabetical characters, and were probably written by the Midianite miners, the forebears of the wife and sons of Moses, who worked the torquoise mines of that section. It is even possible that this Temple of Serabit may have been the objective of Moses, when he asked Pharaoh to let his people go three days journey in the wilderness to worship Jehovah.

The second discovery took place about five years ago, at Ras Shamba, near the Phoenician Coast, opposite the island of Cyprus. It was made by two French archeologists. The systematic arrangement of the multitude of clay tablets led them to believe that a library of a school of scribes had been uncovered. At least eight different languages were found, in these original characters. Three of them are absolutely unknown and the other five were classified as follows: (1) Egyptian, in well known hieroglyphics, (2) Babylonian, in conventional Cuneiform Script, (3) Sumerian, older than Babylonian, (4) Hittite, now being deciphered, and (5) Archaic Hebrew, in 27 alphabetical characters. A date of about 1400 B. C. has been assigned to them, making them contemporary with the Tel el Amarna letters and the conquest of Canaan.

Only last year, 1936, the third of the discoveries, previously referred to, was made by the Wellcome Research Expedition, in locating and excavating the true site of the City of Lachish in Palestine. Sir Charles Marston, in an article in the "British Weekly" of November 12, 1936, gives most interesting details of the findings and recalls that Lachish was next in importance to Jerusalem at the time of its overthrow. So proud was Sennacharib of its capture, in the days of Hezekiah, that "Bas reliefs, depicting its siege, hung upon the walls of his palace at Nineveh" and are now in the British Museum. Like most ancient cities of that country, Lachish was superimposed upon the ruins of an even more ancient city of the same name, where the Archaic Hebrew inscriptions were found. The most interesting one was located in an undisturbed tomb and was "painted in white letters on a red bowl, deciphered by Dr. Langdon, Professor of Assyriology at Oxford. He finds that it reads, 'His righteousness is my hand (i.e., support)' and declares it to be the most important discovery of modern times in respect of Bible criticism. The pottery evidence indicates a date of between 1295 and 1262 B. C., which would be just over a century after the death of Moses. It is now generally agreed that this Sinai script was the progenitor of the Phoenician, from which the Greek and our own script are descended. And the obvious inference is that the Israelites brought the script with them when they came out of the wilderness of Sinai and conquered Canaan, with Joshua."

This Marston quotation may sound revolutionary to the critical school, who still hold that the Israelites left Egypt as a horde of ignorant slaves, and were inferior in intelligence to the Canaanites and their neighboring nations. They evidently overlook the fact that the descendants of Joseph and the other sons of Jacob "increased abundantly and waxed exceeding mighty" in the land of Goshen, and enjoyed the royal favor of the Hyksos Kings for about two hundred years. When the native princess of Egypt had finally expelled the Hyksos Kings they began to subject the Israelites to harsh treatment, which eventually resulted in a form of bondage that lasted a hundred years or more. We know, however, that

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Louisiana Conference

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Mrs. L. A. Lewis, formerly of Jena, has moved to [illegible] W. Texas Avenue, Ruston, as indicated by an order for the change of her paper. We are glad to have her tell us that she finds both joy and profit in the weekly visits of the Advocate.

Rev. Earl B. Emmerich is doing an effective work at Oak Grove. He is energetic, resourceful and a tireless worker. He is carrying every detail of the church program, making substantial improvements, and is carrying neatly executed and impressive publicity also.

First Church, Lake Charles, made an offering of $310 for the Bishops' Crusade. Dr. Doss was the leader of the Crusade for the Conference, and along with that, he has carried the work of his pastorate and had received thirty-five members up to the time of the District Conference.

A memorial service was held at Franklin for Rev. G. C. Wolf on Sunday, April 11. Brother Wolf's favorite hymns

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TWO TO ONE

During the week of April 7-15, Dr. Guy H. Black conducted with the Methodist churches of New Orleans a campaign of Personal Visitation and Evangelism. The work was done by laymen in teams of two each visiting the homes of prospective members after the supper hour in the evening.

Largely as a result of this effort, coupled with work in the Church School, Carrollton Avenue church received on Palm Sunday and Easter forty-seven people into its membership: seventeen children and young people through the Church School, thirty adults by profession of faith and by letter.

The most interesting feature of this increase in membership is the work of two laymen, E. Neuwirth and W. P. Harris, members of the board of stewards. Nothing unusual about these men except an unusual interest in Christ, the Church

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LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT CONFERENCE

At the session of the Lake Charles District Conference which was held at Oakdale, La., on April 20 and 21, the reports of the pastors regarding the work of the various charges indicated progress and in most respects even better than last year. Every pastor in the District was in attendance. Visitors who were introduced to the Conference included Rev. R. W. Vaughan, Rev. [illegible], Rev. W. E. Barrett, Rev. J. G. Snelling, Rev. Martin Hebert, Rev. J. [illegible], Rev. T. M. Lewis, Rev. L. W. Hoffpauir, Rev. W. L. McLeod and Mrs. [illegible]. In addition to the consideration of the reports of the several committees which were appointed, the Conference performed the business of election of delegates to the Annual Conference. The following were elected to represent the laity of the District at the 1937 Annual Conference: Principal delegates—S. E. Porter, J. H. Cain, A. M. Mayo, Harold [illegible], V. L. Caldwell, Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr.; Mrs. W. L. Doss, Jr.; Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Mrs. F. A. Bacon, Mrs. J. N. McDonald. Alternates—Mrs. J. W. Faulk, J. N. Erwin, T. J. Doss, Dr. W. F. Brooks, Mrs. H. F. Rogers, Mrs. J. E. Ney.

A high point of the Conference was reached when Rev. J. W. Faulk, of Leesville, asked that the presiding elder relinquish the chair temporarily to the secretary, and upon compliance presented the following resolution bearing a large number of signatures:

"There is genuine sadness mingled with our joy that comes in the recollections of the past and in anticipation of the future. Four years ago there came into our midst an apparent stranger, but it did not take us long to discern in his life the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we accepted him forthwith as a brother in the great freemasonry of service. As our chief pastor in the District, he moved to the forefront of the task with a steady step and a firm hand to guide the Lord's work through perilous times and troubled days.

"In him we have not had a boss but a brother. His intelligent grasp of the whole program of the Church, his able leadership, his example of Godliness, his energy and zeal have been bound into a personality which has inspired and strengthened for the cause of Christ. His ready willingness to stretch forth the hand of sympathy and love and charity, his kindness and considerate spirit has endeared him to many hearts.

"We, the undersigned, do therefore petition this Conference to include this statement in the minutes as a token of our appreciation and love for our presiding elder and brother, Rev. B. F. Rogers.

Signed: "A. L. GILMORE,
"Secretary."

OLD TIME REVIVAL IN HOUMA METHODIST CHURCH

By One Who Was Blessed

Truly the Lord hath visited His people in Houma and granted unto us an outpouring of His blessings.

Early in the year Rev. A. D. George, our pastor, announced to us that he felt led to plan for a series of meetings for April and asked that we be much in prayer that the Holy Spirit might fully lead into a real spiritual revival. The response was hearty and genuine, and much believing prayer went up to the throne. From April 11 to 25 we were blessed with overwhelming evidence of the Holy Spirit's power in convicting and converting the unsaved and in deepening and stabilizing the consecration of those already believing.

We were happy in having as song leader Miss Ella Ruth, of Marksville, one of God's chosen servants, possessing a rich, bell-like voice, knowing Christ in a deep, personal way, with a winsome personality that completely won the young folk as she ministered to them.

Our own Brother George led the preaching, bringing each evening Spirit-inspired messages that carried conviction to hearts and opened the way for Christ to enter in. Each afternoon his wife led the women in a meeting wherein each one was led to a sense of utter dependence upon Jesus Christ as the only source of life and power, drawing us into a closer relationship to our Lord and a stronger determination to let Him have His way with us.

Back of all was sustained, Spirit-taught prayer, in church, prayer room and cottage meetings, on the part of many earnest Christian women and men.

Of particular value were the after-meetings each night, when pastor and [illegible] workers met the seeking ones in counsel and prayer, helping them to understand what God desires and how to reach the goal that had been opened up before them.

In addition to definite advance for those already professing Christ, 25 or more young people, teen age and children, accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and bore clear testimony to His saving grace in their hearts. When He comes for His own, these will be among "His jewels."

The revival brought special blessing to the MacDonel School, where many of the students took a definite stand and the hearts of the workers were made to rejoice over answered prayer.

Hallelujah! Praise God for a real revival in our midst.

LAURA M. WHITE.

RED HILL CHURCH OBSERVES ITS CENTENNIAL

The Red Hill Methodist church, in the Dead Lake community of this County, is celebrating this year its one hundredth anniversary with appropriate services extending throughout the year. The church was organized by pioneer citizens of this county in 1837 and has had an unbroken history on the same spot for a century. There has been three church buildings. The first was constructed of logs at the time of organization, and the second, also of logs, about twenty years later. Both of these served as a church and school building, both before and after the Civil War. The present neat frame building was built about 1892 within the memory of many of the residents of the community.

In 1837 all of Jackson County was included within the bounds of the Alabama Conference and was a part of the Mobile District. Elisha Calloway was the presiding elder and Job Foster was pastor of a vast circuit called Chickasahay, from the river of that name. It extended from somewhere north of Leakesville on both sides of the Chickasahay river and the Pascagoula river to the Gulf of Mexico. In spite of its size the circuit had less than two hundred and fifty members, since settlers were few in number through this area. Among the founders of the church were the families of John Havens and Rev. Henry Fletcher,

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conquering nations often subjected the conquered to bondage even though in some instances the captives were superior to their captors in intelligence and culture. A striking example can be found in the case of Daniel and his three companions, in Babylonian captivity. But it is not reasonable to presume that even a century of bondage and harsh treatment could utterly destroy the inherited knowledge and culture of the proud and prosperous descendants of the wealthy and respected Abraham. The chieftian, whose 318 trained servants (better translated "chariot warriors"), surprised Amraphel (Hammurabi) and the three allied kings and recovered Lot, as related in the fourteenth chapter of Genesis.

Now, since archeological research has conclusively demonstrated that an alphabetical form of writing, known as Archaic Hebrew, was widely used less than a century after Moses, and was known in the days of Jacob and his sons, is it not logical to assume that their prosperous descendants would be familiar with the written language of their near kinsmen and ancestors? How much more probable was it that Moses, reared by a Jehovah-fearing mother and educated as an Egyptian prince, should know the alphabet of his native tongue and be able to compile a code of laws that would outlive those of an idol-worshiping king, who had lived 500 years before him.

Sir Chas. Marston concludes his article with the statement that from these recent discoveries the conclusion can be easily drawn that the Israelites "were perhaps, in their day, the most literary people in the world—as we should judge might be the case, from the Old Testament."

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. E. W. Ulmer, pastor at Lena, reports finances up to date, twenty-six added to the membership of the church, and a great year in all respects thus far.

Rev. F. B. Ormond, of the Washington charge, has been in distress over the continued illness of his wife. Earnest prayers will go up from his brethren for her recovery.

Rev. George G. Yeager, pastor at Chunky, has our thanks for a substantial list of subscriptions on the Advocate quota for his charge. The list contained five and one-half subscriptions.

A check for $12 from the Seashore District Conference, to apply on subscriptions for patients at the Sanitorium, is hereby acknowledged. The remittance was made by Rev. H. W. F. Vaughan, secretary.

Dr. J. L. Decell, pastor of Galloway Memorial, Jackson, has our thanks for a generous word concerning the Advocate and its editorial policy. To this he adds a pledge of loyalty on behalf of himself and his great congregation.

Mrs. E. L. Spann, whose home is Brandon, sends us a message of good cheer regarding the paper. We are glad when people subscribe for the paper, and it helps us greatly to be assured that our work is appreciated.

Rev. B. H. Williams, now in his fourth year at Flora, has had a fruitful pastorate. He has built and equipped one new church, and the Flora church has been demolished in preparation for the erection of a new structure at that place.

Dr. T. M. Brownlee, presiding elder, writes us an encouraging note concerning the Advocate campaign in the Jackson District. He expects to achieve full success and he has arranged for full reporting of the news from his territory.

We thank Brother R. A. Clark, of Mize, for his subscription, but no less for his interest in the message which the Advocate tries to carry from week to week. It is our sincere wish to make a distinct contribution to the religious life of all our people.

Rev. J. G. Galloway, superannuate who makes his home in Crystal Springs, cheers us with a brotherly note concerning both the Advocate and the recent mishap to the editor. We are happy to say that we are entirely recovered from our car accident.

We have received through Rev. J. B. Cain, Yazoo City, the offering of $15.50 made by the Vicksburg District Conference for the papers to be sent to the patients at Sanatorium. In all cases, credit on the quota for the District will be given for these subscriptions.

Rev. T. J. O'Neil has received exactly one hundred members into Crawford Street Church, Vicksburg, this year. Forty-seven of them were received by profession of faith, and the report is that the Church School attendance is the largest for many years.

Mrs. T. H. Fore, of Natchez, has given a good account of her stewardship as District secretary of Woman's Work in the Vicksburg District. At the recent session of the District Conference she was elected at the head of the lay delegation to the Annual Conference.

Rev. W. B. Alsworth, presiding elder, sends us a substantial check for Advocates to be sent to the patients at Sanatorium. This is the fifth offering which we have received from the District Conferences for this worthy ministry which they keep up from year to year.

Mrs. Bertha G. (A. P.) Holt, of Colorado Springs, Colo., whose loyalty to the Advocate has not fallen the victim of distance, altitude, or the glories of a land of imperishable grandeur, adds a touch of joy to our task by a message of appreciation of the paper in its present form.

Homewood charge, under the leadership of Rev. Hilary S. Westbrook, is having another good year. Brother Westbrook speaks with enthusiastic appreciation of the work being done by Dr. Brownlee as presiding elder, and he reports pleasing prospects in all the work of Homewood charge.

Rev. W. O. Sadler, who serves the historic church at Woodville, the oldest Methodist building in Mississippi, claims the record for distance traveled en route to District Conference, two hundred and thirty-eight miles. One suspects that Brother Sadler stopped to visit in some of the green pastures where he formerly lived.

Attention! "Announcing the arrival on April 14 of Sylvia Lee Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Elliott, of Tylertown, and granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Applewhite, of Edwards. Mrs. Lou J. Applewhite, of Tylertown, is great-grandmother of this young lady. All doing well, including the grandfather, F. L. Applewhite."

Rev. J. A. McRaney, of the Nebo charge, duplicated his action of last year by reporting full payments on benevolences for the year at the meeting of the District Conference. He is engaged at present on a new church building. He has led in the construction of a new parsonage since he was assigned to this work two years ago.

On the tenth of April, Mrs. Hettie T. Beasley, the mother of Rev. A. Joe Beasley, of Vaughan, celebrated her ninety-fourth birthday. She is a member of the church in North Mississippi, but lives with her son. It was a happy occasion for the family and friends of Mrs. Beasley who unite in wishing for her many more birthdays to enjoy.

Red Hill church, on the Vancleave charge, will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its founding this month. Rev. P. Olia Nix is the pastor. The celebration will begin May 23, with dinner on the ground. Brother Nix says that his work is making good progress and that he does not expect to let up until he secures his quota for the Advocate.

Rev. Paul Grice writes that the church at Rolling Fork is very much bereaved in the death of Mr. J. G. Parham, superintendent of the Church School for forty years. He was eighty-three years of age and his funeral was the first to be held from the new church recently completed. He is survived by his wife. His going will leave a loneliness in the hearts of those who followed his consecrated leadership so long.

The recent District Conference at Rolling Fork was the first to visit that hospitable little city since 1919, the District Conference of 1930 having been changed to Fayette on account of the burning of the Rolling Fork church. Since 1919 Rolling Fork Methodism has suffered floods as well as the loss of their church by fire. They have, however, recovered from these disasters, as their beautiful new church will show.

Fayette church, in the Vicksburg District, is justly proud of sending another missionary to China, in the person of Miss Louise Killingsworth, who was consecrated at the recent meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council at Columbia, South Carolina. Her sister, Miss Mathilde Killingsworth, sailed for China last year under appointment of the Woman's Council. At the last session of the Mississippi Annual Conference Rev. Victor Sherral Coleman, another member of the Fayette church, was admitted on trial and appointed to the Cleveland circuit, which he had served as a supply during 1936.

SEASHORE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The two-day Seashore District Conference, held in Bay St. Louis, opened with a record attendance, and with Rev. L. J. Power, presiding elder, in the chair.

Dr. J. L. Decell, pastor of Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, Jackson, spoke on the educational work of the church.

The secretary of the last District Conference which met in Purvis, Rev. Featherstun Vaughan, pastor of Ocean Springs, was elected secretary.

An interesting part of the day was the making of verbal reports by the pastors of the District. Every pastor made his report. In general, the work of the District is progressing nicely.

Dr. J. L. Neill, pastor at East End, Meridian, preached at 11 o'clock, He brought a forceful and inspirational sermon, stressing Christian brotherhood.

In the afternoon a high point in the Conference was the little program put on by representatives of the student body of Whitworth College. No better singing and reading has been heard in Bay St. Louis in some time.

Mr. W. D. Hawkins, Missionary Secretary of the Mississippi Conference, was absent due to a serious automobile accident. The Conference remembered him by sending a wire and flowers, expressing their sympathy and love and pledging their prayers.

At the noon hour the ladies of the Bay St. Louis Methodist church entertained the Conference members with a delightful lunch.

Rev. A. J. Boyles, pastor of the church, seemed the happiest man about. He had plenty to do, however, and could be found almost anywhere you looked if you looked in the place as long as a minute.

Marcus N. Howell, of the Americus community, was licensed to preach.

Rev. R. I. Moore and Rev. B. M. Lawrence, local preachers serving charges, were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in the traveling connection.

Probably of greatest interest to one of the sessions of the Conference was the address made by Dr. C. A. Bowen, secretary of the editorial department of the General Board of Christian Education, with offices in Nashville, Tenn. He outlined impressively the methods and effectiveness of the agencies of unchristian education in the past few years and how the agencies of evil had even adopted the methods of the Church in putting on this unchristian education. He, by contrast, emphasized the necessity of greater vigilance in Christian education and what a great responsibility rested on our shoulders for this proper education.

The list of lay delegates and alternates elected were as follows: Principal lay delegates—J. B. Goff, Mrs. L. J. Power, W. L. Mabry, Mrs. C. C. McDonald, L. T. Fickling, W. L. Jones, Mrs. Lee White, Galloway Corley, Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. P. N. Howell, L. C. Corban, A. F. McGehee, R. M. Spaulding, C. M. Fairley, S. A. Tomlinson.

Alternate lay delegates—A. K. Guinn, W. A. McDonald, of Gulfport; Mrs. Van R. Landrum, Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Mrs. H. R. Glass.

L. T. Fickling was elected District Lay Leader; C. V. Hathborne, Galloway Corley, assistant lay leaders.

HATTIESBURG DISTRICT CONFERENCE, APRIL 21-22, 1937

Entertainment—Never better than by Broad Street this time, with excellent meals, homes, and with fruit, Coca Cola, coffee and cake during conference sessions, to say nothing about gracious spirit.

Spiritual Fervor—Quite wholesome and helpful, with inspiring sermons by Revs. J. T. Weems J. L. Neill, G. H. Thompson and B. L. Sutherland; with excellent devotional services led by Revs. W. B. Alsworth, presiding elder; E. A. Kelly, S. W. Granberry and J. D. Slay, and with concluding consecration service led by Rev. L. D. Haughton.

Attendance—Every pastor, ten additional superannuates and local preachers, every ex-officio lay member, a large majority of charge lay leaders and elected delegates, and a number of visitors.

Special Interests—Represented by J. M. Sullivan, C. A. Bowen, I. H. Sells, J. L. Sutton, W. L. Duren, Mrs. R. L. Ezelle, J. L. Neill, J. W. Sells, D. M. Key, G F. Winfield, J. G. Snelling and W. M. Williams, and emphasized by W. B. Alsworth, presiding elder.

Delegates to Annual Conference—A. C. Lynd, W. S. F. Tatum, D. W. Heidelberg, B. M. Stevens, M. S. Pickett, W. E. Barksdale, A. W. Evans, W. A. Holloway, Mrs. Ruth Clayton, W. J. Moody, H. E. Graves, I. T. Jones, Mrs. R. E. Rollings, H. V. Waits and Mrs. E. J. Barksdale.

Alternate Delegates—T. J. Burnham, V. E. Boykin, J. T. Ward, A. F. Holcomb, and C. L. Charbonneau.

Ad Interim Committee—J. T. Leggett, J. W. Sells, T. O. Prewitt and E. E. McKeithen.

District Golden Cross Director—A. C. Lynd.

District Lay Leader—M. S. Pickett.

Associate Lay Leaders—E. J. Dennis and H. H. Crisler, Jr.

License to Preach Renewed—T. A. Carruth, F. J. Davidge, M. E. Edmondson, J. T. Griffith, C. Hudson, E. C. Jordan, R. M. Matthany, C. S. Schultz, H. L. Smith, E. E. Samples, A. F. Gallman, L. R. Shumaker.

Financial Goals—Every charge:

1. Paying benevolent acceptance in full.
2. Participating in Bishops' Crusade.
3. Participating in Golden Cross enrollment, May 9-16.
4. Securing quota in New Orleans Advocate Campaign, May 2-16, with total of 400 subscriptions as minimum for the District.
5. Cooperating in Orphans' Home building-debt liquidation campaign, sending offerings to Orphanage for upkeep, every missionary society providing upkeep for an orphan child.
6. Sending in free-will offering to Memorial Mercy Home.
7. Sending in worthy offering for the chaplain at the Sanitorium.
8. Participating in Whitworth College Endowment Campaign.
9. Levy made of $1200 for District work for 1938, to be apportioned by District stewards.
10. Every church using weekly or monthly envelope system for regular finances.
11. Every Sunday School sending in Fourth Sunday offering for missions, and
12. Every charge sending and paying expense of pastor to Pastors' School, June 21-26.

Other Goals

1. Every charge observing Layman's Day.
2. Board of Christian Education functioning in each church.
3. Adequate literature in each church.
4. Epworth League meeting of young people in each church.
5. Woman's Missionary Society in each church.
6. Every pastor preach on missions once a quarter, and on Sabbath observance.
7. Quarterly conference records kept more faithfully.
8. Every home a Christian one, with a family altar, with non-drinking parents, using every effort against alcohol, against lynching, and for better movies.
9. Christian Stewardship recognized and observed.
10. Adequate representation of young people at Assembly at Whitworth, June 7-11.

Next District Conference—at Richton.

GEO. H. JONES, Secretary.

TO THE PASTORS OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

There was recently mailed to you by Dr. Grover C. Emmons a sample of the five pieces of literature available for the Golden Cross Enrollment, May 9 to 16. In this literature was an order card for you to fill out for the amount of literature you would need for this enrollment. I trust you have already ordered your literature, but if not, please do so at once and put on the enrollment. Our goal this year is for every charge to put on the enrollment and whatever is gotten send it to F. Y. Whitfield, treasurer, Meridian, Miss., and indicate it is for the Golden Cross.

My recent hospital experience has emphasized the need for the Golden Cross.

I appreciate the many letters from the pastors expressing their sympathy for me in my recent accident, and I thank each of you. I really believe I would appreciate more the Golden Cross enrollment in your charge.

Yours very sincerely,
W. D. HAWKINS,
Golden Cross Director, Miss. Conf.

A gentleman is one who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat, and who takes his share of the world and lets other people have theirs.—Hoffman.

North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. R. E. Lee, of Ethel, renews her subscription to the Advocate and follows it up with this heartening word: "'Tis like a welcome guest to our home each week."

Rev. E. C. Driskell was assisted by Rev. J. C. Wasson, of Vaiden, in a revival at Lake Cormorant recently. He reports progress in his work and a good outlook for the year.

Rev. A. F. Moore, Route 2, Coldwater, has our sincere thanks for favors of a material nature and for his message of good will and good wishes for the editor and the Advocate.

Mrs. L. C. Walker, the representative in the Advocate campaign, is organizing her work for increasing the Advocate subscriptions at Grenada. We greatly appreciate her assistance in this matter, as we do all other help.

Rev. W. R. Liming, pastor at Blue Mountain, says that his work is moving fairly well, and that he is trying to finish a little brick church begun some time ago and caught in the depression. When it is finished it will be free of debt.

At the Vaiden church, of which Rev. J. C. Wasson is the energetic and capable pastor, the Bishops' Crusade dinner was a great success. The interest and enthusiasm were pronounced and the sum of $67 was realized for the cause of missions.

The District Conferences in North Mississippi began at Columbus, First Church, this week, May 3; Aberdeen, at Water Valley, 6, 7; Greenwood, at Sunflower, 11, 12; Sardis-Grenada, at Como, 12-14; Greenville, at Boyle, 18, 19; and Corinth, at Corinth, 20, 21.

Mrs. W. T. Nelms, a sister of the editor of the Advocate, is in sorrow on account of the death of her husband, on Monday of last week. Her husband was a member of the Baptist Church, but she retains her membership at Enon, now on the Black Hawk circuit.

Rev. Otis G. Andrews, formerly a member of the North Mississippi Conference and now a General Evangelist, wishes us to say that his address has been changed from 863 Tulley Street, Memphis, to 710 N. 17th Street, Memphis. Those desiring to communicate with him should address him at the new address.

Additional reports from the North Mississippi Conference on the Bishops' Crusade show: Aberdeen District, $1,161; Columbus District, $1,601.71; and Greenwood District, $1,700. With what has been added to the reports from other Districts, this will bring the Conference report to around $9,000.

Rev. E. L. Jernigan deserves special credit for his work at Mathiston, where he carried out an interesting program and had one hundred and one persons present for the Bishops' Crusade dinner. Rev. W. V. Stokes, of the Salem and Friendship charge, carried the program through to success also.

Rev. R. G. Moore, Leland, sends us a report of work at Tunda Station, Congo Belge, by Dr. W. B. Lewis. He states that friends have contributed more than $2000 for the new hospital and that he is anxious to get enough paid in this year to begin the first unit of the hospital. All contributions should be sent to Mr. S. V. Wall, Cleveland, Miss., who is the treasurer of the fund.

Dr. Buhrman and the Aberdeen District led in the payment on benevolences up to the middle of September last year. This year they are leading again and by a wider margin. Mr. J. H. Johnson, the Conference Treasurer, says: "You are leading the entire Conference in payments, not only as to the number of churches having paid, but also the amounts." The total reported to date is $2,060 as against $503.93 at the same date last year.

Rev. E. H. Cunningham and a group of laymen from First Church, Corinth, attended the Bishops' Crusade meeting held in Nashville, Tenn., and then followed through with the whole program as outlined in the publicity and addresses in behalf of the Crusade. The dinner served by the ladies was a complete success, the effect of the Crusade almost that of a revival, fifty per cent of the benevolences paid, and many have been added to the church membership.

A good friend of ours sends us word to have the sheets of the Advocate fastened together and to "send him the bill." We understand the meaning of that suggestion, and we wish to say that nothing connected with the publication of the paper causes us more trouble. To change to a stapling machine would be almost prohibitive in cost and it has not been easy to correct the pasting mechanism. We may try to get a replacement of that part. At any rate, we are not indifferent to the fault.

LAYMEN'S MEETING, ABERDEEN DISTRICT

The first of two meetings for laymen was called by the presiding elder, Dr. W. P. Buhrman, and the District lay leader, Mr. W. L. Elkins, of Tupelo, to meet at Shannon on April 13. The meeting was of an informal nature and was entirely lay, with the preachers as spectators.

After the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and prayer, D. S. Cunningham, of Okolona, was elected secrtary. A findings committee, consisting of W. H. Summer, H. G. Langly, R. W. Edgeworth and M. M. Miller, was appointed.

The discussion was opened by a thought-provoking talk on the qualifications of a good steward by Mr. Elkins, and this was followed by reports from each charge represented. The presiding elder spoke a few words, and Mr. R. W. Edgeworth spoke to the subject of learning more of the plans and methods of the church.

The meeting was then adjourned for lunch, which the ladies of the Shannon church had prepared, and at the luncheon table Mr. Elkins spoke again concerning the ideals for the District, the report of the findings committee was heard, and the meeting adjourned.

A larger attendance than last yer indicates the interest with which these meetings are viewed. The present plan calls for such quarterly.

W. D. SMITH.

BIBLE CONFERENCE AT SUNFLOWER

Dear Dr. Duren: I will appreciate it if you will announce through the columns of the Advocate that the Bible Conference which is to be held in connection with the Greenwood District Conference will open on Sunday night, May 9. Dr. N. C. McPherson, Jr., of the General Board of Christian Education, will be the speaker. I hope that the preachers and laymen of the District who can will attend the lectures on Sunday and Monday night. The Conference proper will not open until Tuesday morning, May 11.

We are looking forward to having the editor of the Advocate as our guest for the District Conference. Please don't disappoint us.

J. O. DOWDLE.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE W. M. S.

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

Because all auxiliary presidents are looking ahead as they plan the year's work, I am giving the part of the Conference President's message that she termed "Thinking Forward." The first part of her message, which deals with the achievements of 1936, you may read from the Conference Minutes which have been in the printers' hands for some time and will soon be in yours.

"Thinking Forward"

The need and opportunity for Christian living and Christian service has never been more challenging than it is today. We are in the midst of vast changes in human society throughout the world. It becomes us as Christians to be as intelligent as possible regarding the changes now under way, while it grows increasingly clear that whatever position the Christian Church shall take or fail to take amid the creative forces of the immediate future will in a large measure determine the opportunity of the Church to serve the new age. The Woman's Missionary Society is studying and working and praying that it may serve this new age.

The study program in missions this year will include the Moslem women. Splendid opportunity is given for training leaders in the Leadership Training Schools at Mt. Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska. Missionary Conferences afford the District secretaries special training in their work. Our own Conference Leadership Training School at Grenada offers courses in Bible and Missions for those leaders who cannot attend our Church-wide schools.

Our World Outlook quota for 1937 includes more than two hundred new subscribers.

Spiritual Life Retreats in District and Conference is the plan of the chairman. Systematic spiritual cultivation, linked with the Christian Social Relations programs, will mean changed lives and changed communities.

North Mississippi should give more earnest attention to the missionary education of our children. Our responsibility is as great under the cooperative plan of work as ever before, and we urge the election of active secretaries of Children's Work and Baby Superintendents. Together let the home and the Church promote Christian education and missionary giving. Our Fourth Sunday offerings from the Church School are far below what they should be and what other Conferences are giving. Encourage the secretaries to see that the Fourth Sunday offerings are sent to Rev. Roy Grisham, Grenada.

Opportunity is again given us this year to share in the support of a new missionary under appointment to China, Miss Louise Killingsworth. She is a sister of Miss Mathilde Killingsworth, whose salary we share with the Mississippi Conference. These are two of the choicest young women of our state, our daughters who are giving their all. We shall find joy in sharing our gifts with them.

What is the purpose of sharing these plans for 1937? Are we investing our time and money just to carry out a program of work, or are we making this investment as a means of promoting interests of the Kingdom? We believe it is the sincere desire of every woman in the missionary society to share with others our Christ and the life abundant we find in him. We have heard the command of our great leader, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel—As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Under the leadership of Jesus Christ we march forward to help build a World Christian Community.

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Mrs. Bush's report from Artesia is characterized by its praise of the young women of that auxiliary. Bible study, work, or play—whatever needs to be done—is safely entrusted to them. A study of Miss Bardeleben's "Songs in the night," has proven very helpful.

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RED HILL CHURCH OBSERVES ITS CENTENNIAL

(Continued from page 7)

both of whom have descendants in the community at the present time. Later the Graham, DuBose, Tootle, Roberts, and other families were added to the membership.

The celebration will continue throughout the year with services from time to time. Two outstanding events will be an all-day service on Sunday, May 23, to which all former pastors and all friends of the church will be invited, and an afternoon service on Wednesday, June 23, when all former pastors and presiding elders will be honored with a special service. The public will be invited to this service also. Other services will be planned for the church.

Rev. Olia Nix, of Vancleave, is pastor of Red Hill church and Rev. L. J. Power, of Gulfport, is the presiding elder. Plans for the centennial are under their direction, assisted by a committee from the church itself.

P. OLIA NIX.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Aberdeen District—Third Round

Houlka, at Van Vleet, May 12.
Water Valley, Main St., at Palestine, May 15.
Coffeeville, at Goshen, May 16.
Algoma, at Troy, May 19.
Greenwood Springs, at Riggin's Chapel, May 20.
Nettleton, at Evergreen, May 21.
Becker, at Grady's Chapel, May 23, a.m.
Houston, May 23, p.m.
Toccopola, at Thaxton, May 27.
Prairie and Strongs, at Hamilton, May 28.
Calhoun City, June 2, p.m.
Randolph, at Hunter's Chapel, June 4.
Buena Vista, at Ebenezer, June 9, a.m.
Tupelo, June 9, p.m.
Shannon, at Pleasant Grove, June 11.
Amory, June 13, a.m.
Smithville, June 13, afternoon.
Mathiston and Maben, at Providence, June 16.
Woodland, at Palestine, June 17.
Bellefontaine, at Lebanon, June 18.
Okolona, June 20, a.m.
Fulton, at Fulton, June 20, p.m.
Salem and Friendship, at Christian's Rest, June 22.
Verona, at Palmetto, June 23, a.m.
Aberdeen, June 23, p.m.
Tremont, at Hopewell, June 24.
Water Valley, First Church, June 27, a.m.
Paris, at Paris, June 27, afternoon.
Pittsboro and Bruce, at Raper's Chapel, June 29.
Eupora, at LaGrange, June 30.
Vardaman, at Loyd, July 4, a.m.
Derma, at Pine Ridge, July 4, afternoon.
Pontotoc, July 25, a.m.

W. P. BUHRMAN, P. E.

Greenwood District—Third Round

Greenwood, First Church, May 9, p.m.
Belzoni, May 26, p.m.
Ebenezer, at Liberty, May 30, all day.
Lexington, May 30 p.m.
Schlater and Cruger, at Cruger, June 6, a.m.
Inverness and Isola, at Inverness, June 6, p.m.
Acona, at Bowlingreen, June 13, all day.
Greenwood, Price Memorial, June 13, p.m.
Black Hawk, at Black Hawk, June 15—group.
Carrollton, at Black Hawk, June 15—group.
Tchula, at Black Hawk, June 15—group.
Winona Station, June 20, a.m.
Duck Hill, at Chapel Hill, June 27, all day.
Poplar Creek, at Shiloh, June 29, all day.
Kilmichael, at Salem, June 30, 11 a.m.
Ruleville and Doddsville, at Ruleville, July 4, a.m.
Tutwiler, at Rome, July 4, p.m.
Moorhead, July 11, a.m.
Webb and Sumner, at Philip, July 18, a.m.
Minter City, at Glendora, July 20, p.m.
Swiftown, at Sidon, July 21, p.m.
Drew, at Wade, July 25, p.m.
Itta Bena, July 25, p.m.
Valden and West, at ———, July 28.
Winona Circuit, at ———, July 29.
Sunflower, at Fairview, July 30, 11 a.m.

District Conference at Sunflower, May 11-12; Pastors' School at Grenada College, May 31-June 5; Young People's Assembly at Grenada College, June 7-12.

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, MAY 9

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

ABRAHAM A MAN OF PRAYER

The out-pouring of the soul in prayer to the heavenly Father is the highest form of self-expression. It represents man at his best, his deepest desires, most ardent yearnings, noblest ideals. Sordid ambitions and selfish desires do not fit into prayer offered to a holy God. In the light of his presence, they are seen in all their unworthiness and are cast aside as rubbish. Envy, jealousy, hatred cannot abide in such an atmosphere. No wonder that those who harbor such feelings cease to pray. For them prayer would be but imprecation—an invitation for God to deal with them as they deal with others. It might prove a wholesome exercise for the embittered to tell God how much they hate and whom and why. At the mercy seat of the forgiving God prayer against enemies would probably turn to prayer on their behalf.

Abraham was an intercessor. Already he had shown his faith by his works in his going to the rescue of Lot. He did not regard God as either a Santa Claus or a valet, but as one who helps those that help themselves, as one who does not bless indolence or condone ignorance. Abraham knew the condition of the wicked cities and was willing to help. The praying man is not to be thought of as prostrate, but as standing at attention, alert, ready to go. God's best keeping is not as a night-watchman but as a guide. He who walks with God throughout the day may rest in peace and safety at night. Prayer is not for our drowsy moments but for the hours of activity. We need inspiration and direction in the beginning of the day even more than comfort and solace when we have closed its record and laid us down to sleep. There is no more reason to doubt the value of intercessory prayer than there is to doubt any other element of the social atmosphere which we all help to make. It is potent in shaping character and molding the trend of the race.

God is more than the great Giver. He is Father and Friend. Abraham is remembered not for his riches in cattle and lands but because he was one of God's friends. Companionship with God is more than the gold of earth or the glory of heaven. Jesus mentions heavenly mansions merely as a place where his beloved could be with him. No matter how passionately one may seek a favor, the principal element of prayer is always the desire to talk with God. When we thus approach God our wills blend with his and we become like him.

Abraham had regard to moral values. He believed that the presence of even ten good men would justify the saving of a city. They would have been a small percentage, but who can estimate their influence? They might have been sufficient leaven for the whole wicked lump. Like a cosmic ray, the influence of a good man penetrates the depths of sin and darkness, and the power of the godly increases in geometric ratio. "One shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight." God still blesses the world through the "saving remnant."

If we should grant that the effect of prayer is solely subjective, it still remains that a reverent decision in the light of the highest we know is far superior to conclusions reached on impulse or with the aid of selfish counsellors in the noisy environment of ordinary life. If a Father God hears and helps toward adjustment and victory, then prayer is all that the most devout have claimed, and the prayer-ordered life attains a nobility and value to be achieved in no other way.

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SQUIRRELS IN WINTER

By Ella M. Foley

One day last winter while driving through the park I noticed a number of lean, gray squirrels running along the crusted surface of the snow. I began to wonder how these small creatures would ever be able to get at their food supplies buried in the ground beneath this frozen blanket. I stopped the car and instantly one of the little fellows, either less timid or more desperate than the others, ventured up to within a few feet of the running board and, sitting back on his haunches, eyed me expectantly. Having nothing to give him, I regretfully drove away, but the following day, armed with a bag of walnuts, pecans and filberts, I returned and sought out the clump of trees in which I believed these little creatures lived.

The place seemed deserted and the air was intensely cold, so after making several ineffectual attempts to summon these little tree-dwellers to the banquet table, I decided to scatter a few handfuls of nuts on the ground in the hope that they would discover them. I began to do so, but hardly had the first few nuts gone rolling across the frozen snow when all around me I heard a scratching and a scraping and down from the trees came pouring a veritable horde of the hungry squirrels.

For the next half-hour the place was a scene of noisy and excited activity, with little gray streaks racing up and down the trees and churning up the snow as they darted hither and yon across its white expanse, all to the accompaniment of a continuous cracking, crunching, and chattering. Pouncing upon the clusters of nuts, each squirrel would seize one in his forepaws, fix it securely between his teeth, then scurry up a tree to a comfortable resting-place where he would proceed to do justice to the delicate morsel. After having devoured a quantity of nuts with great relish, they proceeded to carry the rest away for storage in secret hiding places. Each squirrel, apparently, had his own private cache and some of them were at a distance. One little fellow would race for fully fifty yards, a nut firmly clenched between his teeth, then stop and peer warily about him before darting behind a huge tree. Evidently he had a secret hole in or about that tree. Many of them buried their nuts in the snow, each nut in a different place. I watched one sly, old fellow dig seven or eight holes in widely separated spots and then carefully rake the snow over his treasures. He was not going to put all his eggs in one basket.

On this occasion I managed to coax a few of my furry friends to take a nut from my fingers, but the rest, after venturing near, were overcome with timidity.

During the remainder of the winter I made it a practice to visit this spot at least once a week, and my arrival with the crackly bag was always noted. Before I would have a chance to even open it, the squirrels would be clustered around me, squatting on their haunches, eager for the feast they knew was at hand. As we became better acquainted they would take the nuts from my hand and would even crawl upon my lap to get at the contents of the bag. Occasionally, they quarrelled and chased one another, but I believe these misunderstandings arose whenever one squirrel felt that a companion had designs on a particular nut which he regarded as his personal property.

I look back upon the time I spent last winter with my little furry friends as a series of most enjoyable afternoons and I look forward to seeing them again—as I know they will be looking for me—when the ground is frozen and the food is scarce.—Our Dumb Animals.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
1574 Jefferson Avenue, New Orleans, La.

The Bureau of Christian Social Relations of the Louisiana Conference, under the capable leadership of Mrs. D. C. Metcalf and her chairmen of committees, will from time to time give some valuable and practical suggestions to the auxiliaries for the promotion of this work through this column.

Mrs. Roger Sharp, of New Orleans, chairman of Citizenship, writes as follows:

"The Child Labor Amendment has been supported by the Woman's Missionary Society for many years. Children must be protected from exploitation and from the loss of educational opportunities. Children in industry are physically, mentally and spiritually handicapped.

"The Citizenship Committee of the Christian Social Relations Department requests each Christian Social Relations superintendent to write a letter to the governor of Louisiana immediately on behalf of her auxiliary, urging him to include the ratification of this Amendment in any call for a special meeting of the State Legislature that may be made. Letters should also be sent to the State legislators of her district, pledging her organization's whole-hearted support of this legislation. She should also request the members of her organization to write similar letters as individuals."

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The Missionary Society of the Gilbert Methodist church was hostess to societies in zone three of Monroe District for their quarterly zone meeting on Thursday afternoon, April 8, Mrs. C. W. Berry, president, and Mrs. E. Fay Walters, secretary, presiding. An interesting program, "Missions on March," was rendered.

Hymn, "Come ,All Ye Faithful;" Scripture, Psalms 130-II Peter 1 chapter, 4th verse, Mrs. Busch.

Prayer, Mrs. Hatch (Buckner).

Pioneer Men and Women, Mrs. Mitchell

Song, Miss Ella Ruth.

"Hindrance of Missions," Mrs. Bentley.

Hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Sentence Prayer, closed by Rev. Johns

"Echoes of Conference at Homer," Waterproof.

Roll Call, Buckner, Little Creek, Mangham, Winnsboro, Crowville, Wisner, Wesley, Waterproof, Gilbert.

Refreshments were served to 88 members and visitors. The next zone meeting will be held at Little Creek on June 10.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Stanley Wilson,
2212 Fifteenth Street Meridian, Miss.

In addition to the Auxiliary Efficiency Aim, set up by Council, the Mississippi Conference has set up aims for Districts and zones as follows:

Efficiency Aims for 1937
Districts

1. District meetings.
2. Representatives at annual, District and zone meetings of 75 per cent of auxiliaries in the District.
3. Financial obligations of District paid in full.
4. Ninety-five per cent of auxiliaries reporting quarterly.
5. A net gain in organization and membership and an increase in finances.
6. Ten life members each for adults and children.
7. Increase in World Outlook subscriptions.
8. Observance of all quarterly events.
9. District secretary attending Missionary Conference for District secretaries in Junaluska, August 3-10.
10. An increase in Council certificates in Mission Study.
11. Fifty per cent of auxiliaries reporting active promotion of Baby Specials.
12. Credits by auxiliary study leaders at the Leadership School in Biloxi, June 21-26.

Zones

1. Each zone holding three quarterly meetings.
2. Eighty per cent of auxiliaries represented at these meetings.
3. Zone leader and 80 per cent of auxiliaries at District meetings.
4. Every auxiliary reporting to District secretary and Conference treasurer on time.
5. Financial obligations of every auxiliary in zone in full.
6. A new auxiliary which is net gain.
7. Zone leaders attending Leadership School, Biloxi, June 21-26.

Recognitions

Special recognition will be given to the District, zone, the auxiliary that makes the largest per cent increase in organization, membership and finances.

The Conference secretary will check the Districts, and the District secretary will check the zones and auxiliaries.

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In Memoriam

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions, adopted by the ladies of the Homewood Methodist Episcopal Church, South, upon the death of Mrs. E. S. Hallman, are as follows:

After a long and useful life, our Heavenly Father saw fit in his infinite wisdom, on March 14, 1937, to call to her eternal reward our greatly admired, respected and beloved friend and neighbor, Mrs. E. S. Hallman.

Therefore, in appreciation of the high esteem in which this devoted mother and faithful servant of God was held by all who knew her, we offer these resolutions:

Whereas, it is the desire of this church to express its great appreciation and love for Mrs. Hallman, who for so many long years devoted her loyal service to her Master. She has entered into the reward that awaits God's people; and,

Whereas, in every relation of life she measured up to her duties and responsibilities in the church and the communities in which she lived. They have sustained a great loss in the passing of Mrs. Hallman, and

Whereas, her life and character have been an inspiration to all who knew her. She was always smiling and cheerful along the busy pathway of life. She has entered into that home long ago prepared for her; therefore, be it

Resolved, first, that in the death of Mrs. Hallman, our church, the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Homewood community have suffered an irreparable loss in every respect, and we express the hope and belief that her life and work will be an inspiration to all who knew her, and that others will be inspired to emulate her in her life and service to her Master.

Resolved, second, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the quarterly meeting and that copies be given the members of her family, and a copy be sent to the New Orleans Christian Advocate for publication.

Signed: Mrs. J. P. Craig, president of the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. W. A. Guyse, secretary; Mrs. R. W. Craig, Mrs. Clate Windham, Mrs. R. C. Tadlock, Mrs. R. R. Windham, Mrs. L. N. Tadlock, Mrs. W. L. Barnes, Mrs. S. A. Windham, Mrs. Belle Wicker, Mrs. H. S. Westbrook, Mrs. Charley Brown, Mrs. Ethel Stokes, Mrs. W. C. Pryor, Mrs. W. W. Barnes.

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MISS FAIRFAX

Tradition and history blend colorfully in the personage of Miss Marion Fairfax, newly elected national president of Phi Theta Kappa, scholarship society of American Junior Colleges.

Miss Fairfax was a delegate from Whitworth College of Brookhaven, Miss., which is successor of old Elizabeth Academy, founded in 1918 at Washington, original capital of Mississippi, the first institution in the world to confer a degree upon a woman.

The names of three of Virginia's noblest families are the heritage of this charming young woman—the Randolphs, the Fairfaxs, the Washingtons. Her mother was a Randolph; her father a descendent of the original Fairfax family. Lawrence Washington, Brother of America's first president, married Ann Fairfax and built Mt. Vernon where later George Washington made his home and which today is a mecca of American patriotism.

Lawrence Washington died, and his bereaved brother, George, designed a ring set with thirteen diamonds, representing the original colonies, which he wore as a "mourning" ring. Later he gave it to his sister-in-law, Ann Fairfax Washington, and in her will she decreed that it should be the property of the oldest Fairfax girl who upon marriage should pass it on to the next single girl in the direct line of descent.

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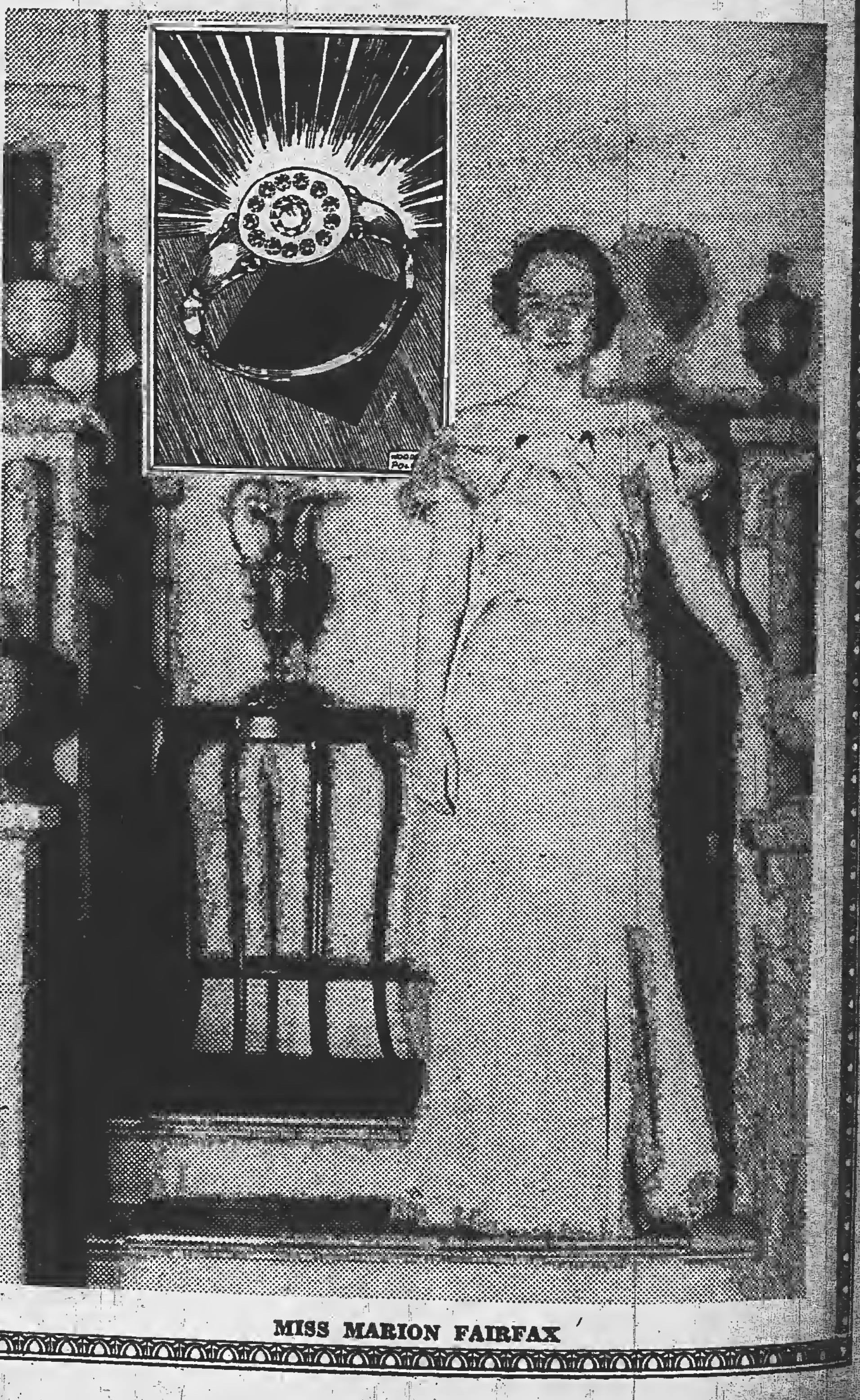
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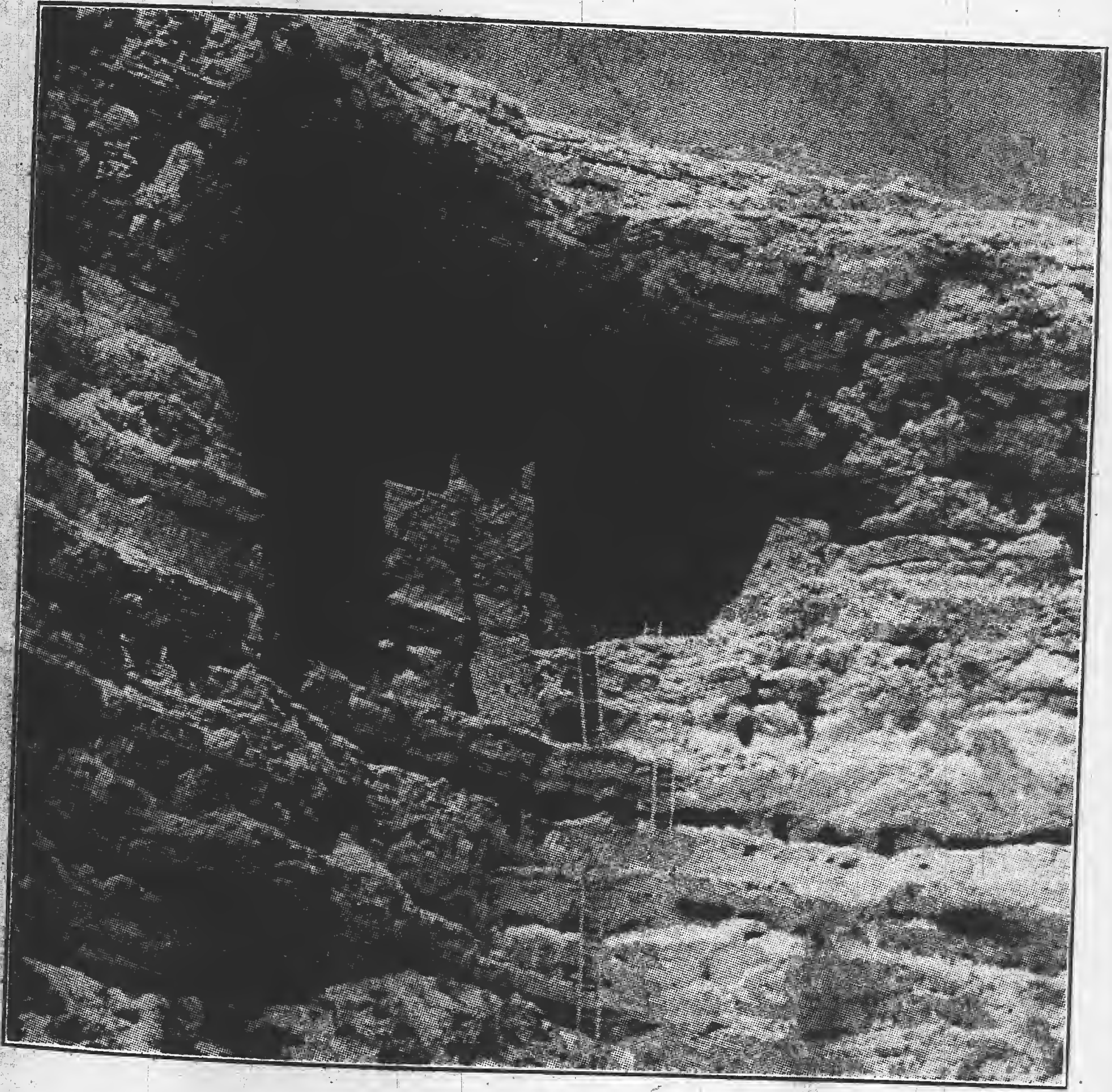

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Wallet of the Week

THE PROGRESS OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO was strikingly told to a Youth Congress recently through a statistical summary of race developments. The figures were, 46,000 Church Schools; 47,000 churches, 5,000,000 members, 500 colleges and schools having an enrollment of 2,000,000 pupils. A million and a quarter Negroes employed in industrial pursuits, 1,200,000 owning or operating farms, and 70,000 Negro business enterprises with a total operating capital of more than $2,000,000,000. Four thousand doctors, 1,200 dentists, and 4,000 nurses.

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FOUR THOUSAND GIRLS are being trained in American colleges, universities, and normal schools to serve the nation as wives, mothers, teachers and workers of every type. At the same time three hundred and fifty thousand girls are employed in American saloons and drink shops and many will become prostitutes, tramps, bandits and notorious public enemies. Why be surprised that civilization makes such slow and uncertain progress when the institutions devoted to the promotion of virtue and the building of worthy lives are forced to contest the field against such desperate odds?

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VALUABLE ART TREASURES, the collection of the first Lord Rothschild, were recently sold at auction in Piccadilly, London. They were disposed of by Victor Rothschild, the owner and a grandson of the original Lord Rothschild, in order that he might live near Cambridge University and pursue his scientific interests. The treasures consisted of engravings; jade, porcelain, cloisonne and ivory carvings; paintings by Dutch and English masters; and French furniture. The prices greatly exceeded what was expected. A de Hooch painting brought $87,000, and an old Bible containing many etchings and engravings brought $7,000.

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A NEW MISSION IN LONDON has been established in Battersea. At different times the place has been used for a movie show, a wrestling arena, a variety show and a gambling den. At the night services, the Mission is filled to overflowing with people who for the most part have not been in a church for many years. Along with the formal religious services, the mission maintains a maternity nurse for mothers and a sunray clinic for the treatment of children. Many years ago, a theater-church was opened by the Methodists of New York with the stirring notes of, "Now let these ransomed walls rejoice."

RAPHAEL AARON GUBBAY, a Jew whose home was in Hong Kong, China, died recently, and he bequeathed his entire fortune of four hundred thousand dollars to Jewish charities in England, Jerusalem, Bagdad and Calcutta. Aside from the part allocated to Jewish charities in England, his interest seems to have been in the members of his race who have fallen upon difficult times, and in those who are struggling to build a national home of their own. The bequest to Jerusalem was probably left to educational or other charities of the Zionist movement.

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HEART DISEASE is largely an affliction "of the intelligentsia," says Dr. Henry L. Smith, of Rochester, Minn. Reporting his findings in **The American Medical Journal,** he says that in the cases investigated he found the "incidence" of coronary sclerosis as follows: Physicians 10.7 per cent; bankers 5.3 per cent; lawyers 4.6 per cent; clergymen 4.6 per cent; laborers 2.6 per cent; and farmers 2.5 per cent. The "incidence" is lowest among those who do manual labor and is highest among those who do mental work. He reports an alarming increase in heart disease during recent years.

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CATHOLIC SERVICES reported to have been held within the confines of the National Revolutionary Party Headquarters in Mexico were made the occasion for an investigation of Church activities. The officers were surprised to find the walls decorated with signs which read, "Long live Christ the King!" and "The sacred heart of Jesus reigns in this house." Other signs read, "Long live Cardenas!" Cardenas is the revolutionary president of Mexico and it was he who gave the order for the churches to be closed.

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THE LEGISLATURE OF INDIANA passed a law recently which provides that all religious, educational, fraternal and charitable institutions must pay taxes on income-producing real estate, beginning in 1944. That means that colleges will be taxed for their stadiums, dormitories and dining halls. Tax-exempt properties should not enter into competition with business which pays for the privilege, but the tax grabbing, spendthrift politician should not be permitted to make such excuse for his playing fast and loose with the taxing privilege. Perhaps it might help if they would take some notice of the millions of congressmen, Federal and state officials and employees who do not share the burdens heaped upon others.

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EDITORIAL

SHAMS

No reproach is more quickly or uniformly resented than the charge of being a sham. Even the slightest implication of such a character meets with instant repulsion. It implies a falseness to one's commitments and an unworthy betrayal of that which is valid and substantial in life. The term presupposes a fixed idealism to which there is so little practical response as to make life a mere shadow of lordly assumptions. The greater the idealism, therefore, the greater the reproach involved in such an indictment. For this reason, the devotee of religion and particularly of Christianity is held to an accounting, at the bar of public opinion and attitude, more strict than is applied to other relations. It is a widely recognized fact that Christianity summarizes the noblest and the best in the organization of life's impulses and in the consecration of its energies. This statement means more than that Christianity occupies a commanding pedestal among the agencies which shape human conduct. It means that religion is the target for every variety of selfishness known to the race, and it means that the Christian tent marks the frontier in the moral life of the world. Men of selfish and unworthy ambitions meet there barriers to their progress, and there every real Christian comes to grips with the irreconcilable opposition of the uncircumcised heart of man. Very naturally the tendency of such resistance is to dull the edge of moral perception and to chill enthusiasm for unworldly living. It requires the utmost spiritual vigilance to maintain the fire and fervor of one's devotion and to beat off the attacks upon one's deeper loyalties. The survival of secret superstitions and the impulse to personal popularity help to undermine the courageous decision which brought us to that moral frontier. They tend to strip resolution of its force and to drive heroism out of the soul. It is easier, therefore, to follow the lingering inclination to a smooth and well-beaten path than it is to go out in courageous adventure for the discovery of the power necessary for the solution of our problems. Halting upon such perilous frontiers and nagged by fears and ambitions, we tend to become spiritual casualties—shams whose defeated idealism still proclaims nobler pretensions. Before we even become conscious of our moral drift, ambition and superstition drive us into a practical denial of the virtues of faith, and like traitors we vainly cling to the implications of a holy name.

TREATING SYMPTOMS

The historian, Froude, once described Law's "Serious Call" as a "very clever book," and John Keble replied, "You might as well describe the Day of Judgment as a very pretty sight." It was a rebuke which was merited and which Froude never forgot. There is a tendency in church matters to run to the bizarre, the frivolous, the daring and even the blasphemous. Many sermons and addresses, particularly those dealing with the problems of young people, have a tendency to a revolutionary attitude and a bald starkness of expression which rob the conception of God and the act of worship of their holy and sacred significance. We think that such is less a demand of the young people than it is a confession of failure on the part of the church or of spokesmen for the church. Nothing is more foolish than to try to account for being out of touch with young people by saying that our worship forms have become archaic and that our songs are tinged with unreality. The very lamentation assumes the rightness of repudiation without even making an effort to account for the facts which may have contributed to the break down of conventional loyalties. Such a course gives to a mere appearance the dignity of fact and promotes hysteria and pessimism when no real reason for such exists. As a remedy, it is utterly unscientific and foolish. The physician makes use of symptoms to assist him in locating the cause of trouble, or to indicate progress in the process of recovery. They are important, but secondary factors. A number of years ago we had a doctor friend who was called to see a patient who had a very foul tongue. When the doctor called again he was greeted with the statement that the tongue was not so bad for it had been scraped off. We are persuaded that there is a lot of tongue scraping in the church today. Certain elements of our religious leadership develop a panic and resort to salving processes which only obliterate symptoms without affecting the disturbing cause in the least. We are prone to do the superficial thing and to ignore both the constitutional fact of sin and the divine remedy and method for its cure.

SILENCING THE MUSIC

"It is the little rift within the lute
That by and by will make the music mute,
And ever widening slowly silence all."

So wrote Lord Tennyson, and the truth which he expressed in poetic measure coincides perfectly with the experience of men. We know that the lute must be mechanically whole if it is to give forth the harmonies of sound which we call music, and we know, too, that every imperfection registers instantly in the quality and the volume of the music. But there is a variation of the silencing process which we do not so readily recognize. It is not less positive in its effect, but the reason for it is not so apparent. According to a Rabbinical legend, there was in the Temple at Jerusalem a reeden flute whose notes were of surpassing sweetness until some proud man covered it with gold and studded it with gems. Then the sweetness of tone and the music were gone, for the added gold and gems had destroyed the natural responsiveness of the instrument. It was still perfect mechanically, but the gorgeous adornment destroyed the resonance upon which the music depended. The silencing of the music had been accomplished as effectively by the outer restraints as by the rift that wrecked the instrument itself. A perfect instrument was not more necessary to the music than was its natural response. This second half of the parable is not so perfectly understood because the very beauty of the gold and gems tends to conceal their deadening effect. Many lives, whose sweet and appealing notes for a season make glad the hearts of men, lose their charm. They become muted for no apparent reason. They become overlaid with an artificial adornment and the sheath of beauty holds a secret as well as a charm. Popularity is not necessarily a personal asset, success is not always an unmixed blessing, and the attractiveness which destroys naturalness, the mystic charm of personality, often becomes a liability. Respectability and social prominence tend to silence the music of individual lives and of churches by deflecting interest from the souls of men and centering it upon the adornment which robs life of its spontaneity and wholesome interest—the music which wins the world.

THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

Request for a full report of the Bishops' Crusade has been made, but no report has reached our office except that cash contributions of $375,000 with more than twenty-five thousand in subscriptions had been reported and other reports were still coming in. We will give the facts as soon as they are available.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

CRAWFISH

The Japanese boy who wrote the famous dissertation on the frog would probably say of the crawfish that "he was a funny bug." He would not be far wrong, at that. The crawfish is not a fish at all, but an invertebrate crustacean, which, being interpreted, means that he has a shell, but no backbone. His eyes are mounted on projecting points, which enables him apparently to see in all directions. His defensive armor consists of two big claws, with which he can nip the unwary handler hard enough to bring the blood. He can crawl forward—but he can run backward; and running backward is his favorite manner of locomotion. He spends most of his time in water; but he digs holes in the ground and uses the excavated clay to make a chimney for his house. Properly cooked, he is a delectable dish (for some people), and as bait for trotlines he is in a class by himself. He is indeed a funny bug.

As funny as he is, the crawfish is no funnier than some human bipeds. Some people live in a shell that, so far as they are concerned, constitutes the universe. Anatomically, they are equipped with backbones; but practically they are invertebrates, never able to stand alone. By a strange kink in their reasoning processes, some men mistake a hard head for a massive spinal column.

Lacking the claws of a crawfish, there are those who use a sharp tongue to nip everybody that comes within reach, even to the point of bringing blood. You can break a crawfish's claws off—but it is now illegal to tear out a sharp tongue. Unfortunately, too, it is hard to stay out of reach of a nipping tongue.

It is positively astounding, the skill some people have acquired in running backward—like a crawfish! They can back out of the most solemnly assumed obligations.

It should have been noted in the beginning that crawfish live mostly in mud.

Unification

GROWING MAJORITY

That the Methodist Episcopal Church, particularly the Negro group, is thinking more deeply about the implications of unification in recent days is evidenced by the growing majority of ministers and laymen of the Negro Conferences who have voted against the plan. The Washington Conference, according to the Times-Dispatch of Richmond, Va., where the session was held, "by a vote of 78 to 68" "refused to vote for the unification plan." Comes now the Lexington Conference with a smashing majority against unification—among the ministers, 98 against to only 3 for it; among the laymen, 29 against it and only 1 for it. The Delaware Conference, as previously noted in these columns, voted 218 against and 19 for the plan. A number of white Conferences this spring, after voting for unification, have sought to appease their consciences on the segregation section of the plan by passing a separate resolution registering their convictions against race discrimination. — Zion's Herald.

SOUTHERN METHODIST WOMEN ASK SEARCHING QUESTIONS

The recent statement of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, about the pending plan of unification between that church and two other Methodist bodies is far more than just another statement—it is an event of the greatest possible significance. It will be remembered that when the unification of Northern and Southern Methodists was proposed about ten years ago, the plan recommended by the joint commission was defeated in the Southern church largely because it was felt to allow the Negro members of the Northern body freer participation in the united church than many Southern Methodists were ready to permit. The provision in the present plan for the segregation of Negroes in a separate racial jurisdiction—all the other jurisdictions are geographical—represents the effort of the new commission to meet this Southern objection. Readers of these pages know how vigorously this concession has been protested by both Negro and white members of the Northern church as unwise, unjust, and reactionary. Now comes a statement from one of the largest and most influential organizations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, voicing, if not this same protest, at least serious misgivings about the provision. The Woman's Missionary Council says:

"As a temporary expedient, the proposed plan may not be advisable, but as making for a permanent division within the Christian church in America, we know that it falls far short of Jesus' ideal for the kingdom. It may be that the Woman's Missionary Society has a function to perform just here. There seem to be at least three questions: (1) Is the proposed plan for the unification of Methodism as regards the place given the Negro the best plan now capable of realization? (2) Do the expected gains outweigh the losses? (3) Will the feature of racial segregation tend to be permanent, or is it possible to keep ourselves so aware of its ethical imperfections on the basis of Christian brotherhood that we will desire to reconsider this aspect of church organization from time to time, working ever toward a more brotherly union?"

In other words, these representative Southern Methodists are chary of the proposed plan because of the very provision introduced to reassure them. It is not to be expected that Southern Methodists will reject the proposal because of its segregation of Negroes—that would be too ironical actually to happen. That any considerable number of them are hesitating about it for that reason is ironical enough. It is beginning to emerge that the Southern church would probably have been ready to approve unification without the racial segregation feature. But if that is true, what has it profited the Northern church to forfeit the confidence of so many of its Negro members and to violate its historic position on the race issue, not to mention other possible losses?—Christian Century.

SCHEDULE OF ENGAGEMENTS OF BISHOP DOBBS

Plain Dealing—May 16.
Harmon's Chapel—May 18.
Commencement Sermon, Whitworth College—May 23.
Board of Trustees Meeting, Centenary College—May 25.
Commencement Sermon, Huntington College—May 30.
Commencement Sermon, Millsaps College—June 6.
Capitol Street Church—June 6.
Dedication First Church, New Orleans—June 13.

WE FINISH BUT TO BEGIN

By Arthur J. Moore

In my final appeal for the missionary forward movement, I pointed out that the second phase of the Bishops' Crusade was of fundamental importance in our Church and expressed the conviction that it could not be brought to success if we allowed the first phase to fail. With deep joy and heartfelt gratitude to God and the Church, I now record that the missionary forward movement has been gloriously successful. The way is open for a great spiritual triumph through the Aldersgate commemoration to be led by my colleague, Bishop A. Frank Smith.

As I write, the reports show that approximately $375,000 has been raised, most of which is in cash. Reports from many districts are incomplete and in some sections local conditions made it necessary to defer the offering or complete the same later. After carefully canvassing the returns, the Bishops are convinced that not less than $400,000 has been given by the Church for its missionary work.

The significance of this will be appreciated by all who are familiar with our missions around the world. The depression indebtedness of the Board of Missions can now be liquidated. New missionaries can sail forth to fill up the ranks so sadly depleted in the last eight years. All departments of work can be strengthened and the morale of our missionary personnel will be vitalized.

Yet all this does not represent the most significant feature of this appeal. I have met nearly all of our preachers face to face and have spoken to multiplied thousands of our people. Nowhere have I heard a word of complaint or pessimism, but only expressions of hope and loyalty and confidence. A wonderful piece of missionary cultivation has been done, and I verily believe that the missionary passion and spirit of our people is deeper than it has been for many years.

We finish but to begin. We have closed the missionary forward movement only to launch out again in the mightiest spiritual enterprise the Church has known for a generation. We enter now with faith and confidence upon the second phase of the Bishops' Crusade. We propose now to direct the thinking of our people to spirtiual realities, to recall them to the original Wesleyan principle of personal touch with God and the witness of the Spirit to conscious salvation. Those commentators on and historians of the Methodist movement who were closest to the sources are agreed that the real birth of Methodism occurred at 8:45 p. m., May 24, 1738, when John Wesley in Aldersgate felt his heart "strangely warmed" and became personally conscious "that God for Christ's sake had forgiven my sins and saved me from the law of sin and death." The 200th anniversary of this significant event we will fittingly commemorate, and in so doing will revive within the body of the Church that same experience.

Nothing is of greater moment than this. We are all aware that most of our problems and difficulties trace back to a lack of personal consecration and spiritual life. Whatever may be our successes in organization and work, they are but superficial and temporary unless the Church renews its consecration, resecures its grip on God, and is re-endowed with the passion and power which comes

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

The latest addition to the Advocate Honor Roll is the Belcher and Gilliam charge, Shreveport District, Rev. A. M. Shaw, pastor. These loyal friends of the paper have secured their full quota of subscriptions with one to spare and expect to add others to the list for good measure in the near future.

Dr. Briscoe Carter reports a good meeting at Winnsboro, and the largest Easter offering which that church ever made for the Orphanage. The amount of the collection was $207.

Rev. W. C. Scott, First Church, Monroe, is devoting May to his Advocate campaign. He is making his plan for securing his quota in full, and no pastor could have better support than he will have in that splendid congregation.

"Some late returns from the Bishops' Crusade will increase the gifts of the Baton Rouge District to about $1,300.00. Wherever the cause was fairly presented the people responded in a great way," writes Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, presiding elder.

We are happy to report that Mrs. H. T. Carley, wife of the Associate Editor of the Advocate, is recovering satisfactorily from her recent operation. Her many friends will rejoice to know that she is now at home and is able to get about some.

Mrs. Caroline Krause, of Sicily Island, La., for many years a member of our church at that place and long a subscriber to the Advocate, is spending several weeks in New Orleans visiting with her daughter, Mrs. S. S. Doniel, who resides at 2316 Wirth Place.

Centenary College had a prominent part in the recent State Library Convention which met in Shreveport. Dr. Pierce Cline, Professors A. M. Shaw, Dolph Frantz, Ernest Rolston, Ralph Squiers, librarian, Miss Lucile Althor, and others had part in the proceedings.

The preachers of Monroe District met at Union Church on the Mangham charge, April 22, and adopted a ten-point "Efficiency and Service Honor Roll" plan. The charge making seven or more of the objectives will be placed on the "Grand Honor Roll" of the District.

The Leesville Methodist Church, Rev. J. W. Faulk, pastor, contributed $37.35 to the Bishops' Crusade. According to the church bulletin, the pastor is receiving whole-hearted co-operation from the congregation, and especially was this so of the young people during the first phase of the Crusade movement.

Rev. A. D. George of Houma places us in his debt by his interest and thoughtfulness in writing us concerning a recent editorial in the Advocate. Brother George did his own preaching in the revival at Houma and Miss Ella Ruth of Marksville led the singing and assisted in the work with young people. Her service was highly satisfactory.

According to the "Methodist Messenger," $1,851.63 was raised by the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, for the Bishops' Crusade. "This is truly a remarkable gift," continues the writer, ". . . when only three weeks ago the congregation raised $5,000 at Easter in addition to the regular contributions by the members on their pledges."

Both churches on the Belcher and Gilliam charge had excellent Bishops' Crusade banquets, and on a per capita basis, according to the pastor, Rev. A. M. Shaw, the charge led the district. The recent quarterly conference of the charge was profitable and harmonious and the presiding elder, Dr. A. M. Serex, is in fine favor with the congregations.

The home of Mrs. Tom Crocket, Jackson, Miss., was the scene of a beautiful family dinner, celebrating the 91st birthday of her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Teat. She received gifts and messages of congratulations from members of the family who could not be present. Mrs. Teat is the mother of Mrs. James M. Boykin, who is the wife of the pastor at Waterproof, La.

BISHOPS' CRUSADE IN LOUISIANA

The first phase of the Bishops' Crusade has been completed in the Louisiana Conference. There may be some things concerning this observance which are of interest to the readers of the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

The Missionary Forward Movement in our Church, which is the first phase of the Bishops' Crusade, began with the General Missionary Council held in New Orleans early in January. Many of the preachers and people attended that great meeting and received much inspiration from it. Soon after that was held the Rally in the city of Shreveport which was again very largely attended by preachers and people from over the Conference. Shortly after that were held the District Missionary Institutes in which this movement was again given prominence. The reports that have come to the office of the director show that this movement was perhaps more generally observed in the Louisiana Conference than any other which has ever been held. This is an indication of the interest that our people have in the great cause of missions and also indication of the loyalty of the members of the Louisiana Conference to this great cause.

Of the 159 charges in the Louisiana Annual Conference only eight have failed to make any report to this date. The director knows of at least one more which observed the days and will report. Perhaps there are others also yet to report. At any rate this is a very small number of charges failing to report and most of these are supply charges.

By districts the reports that have come from the presiding elders show the following facts:

	At Dinner	Raised	Unpaid
Alexandria	544	$ 1,018.75	$ 74.75
Baton Rouge	692	1,256.49	107.00
Lake Charles	453	1,407.08	165.50
Monroe	1669	1,844.52	106.00
New Orleans	866	1,661.95	307.50
Ruston	1088	2,839.81	558.44
Shreveport	1759	3,581.65	56.25
Total	7071	$13,610.25	$1,370.44

In three districts, the Monroe, Ruston, and Shreveport every single charge observed the Missionary Forward Movement has been reported to the presiding elder. It may be that still others in other districts have done so and that the observance was even more unanimous than figures indicate.

As Conference director I wish to express my appreciation of every effort that has been put forth by preachers and people alike to make this fine showing for the Louisiana Conference.

W. L. DOSS, JR.,
Conference Director.

THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The beautiful new Gentilly Church was an effective setting for the 1937 session of the New Orleans District Conference, May 5-6. Attendance was excellent, and the reports from the 21 charges showed energetic devotion to the church and its great interests.

L. E. Douglas and W. H. Wallace, Jr., preached the Conference sermons.

Among the visitors present were G. W. Dameron, C. K. Smith, Louis Hoffpauir, A. M. Serex, Martin Hebert, R. W. Vaughan, S. A. Seegers, W. B. Van Valkenburgh of the American Bible Society, Mrs. C. I. Jones, new state superintendent of supplies of the Missionary Society, the Franklin choral club. C. O. Holland, new Conference lay leader.

On resignation of Dr. M. F. Wilson, R. E. Brumby of Franklin was elected district lay leader, with H. J. Thompson, J. H. Thatcher, and R. E. E. Jones as associates.

The new district secretary of the W. M. S., Mrs. J. H. Thatcher, of Houma, presented the Society's report for last year.

The total for the Bishops' Crusade for the district was brought up to $2,000. A total of $25,438 was reported raised for churches and parsonages so far this year.

Delegates to the Annual Conference are Miss Ella Hooper, J. W. Reily, J. H. Carter, R. E. Brumby, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Miss Margaret Young, Mrs. J. H. Thatcher, W. C. Mason, Mrs. J. A. Pharr, and S. H. Radcliffe.

Alternates are E. H. Prescott, Dr. M. F. Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Warren, Mrs. C. C. Weir, C. J. Zatarain, M. J. Thompson, Morey Carre, and J. H. Thatcher.

A. D. George invited the Conference to meet at Houma next year.

Among the interesting features of the Conference were messages from C. O. Holland, Miss Wilhelmina Hooper and Miss Littlejohn from our Indian Mission at Dulac, the singing of the Franklin Choral Club, and the spirit of optimistic progress all over the district. Methodism marches on in the New Orleans District, under the leadership of our aggressive presiding elder.

HENRY A. RICKEY, Secretary.

IDA EPWORTH LEAGUE

Over thirty people took part in a play-pageant sponsored by the Ida Epworth League Sunday night, May 2. The program was given in connection with the Bishops' Crusade. It aimed to arouse new interest in the mission work carried on by the Methodist Church, South.

Special numbers were: recitation by Natalie McKinney; piano selection by Mrs. Fred James; vocal solo by Myrna Murph, accompanied by Mrs. Herman Herring; violin solo by Gene Luse, accompanied by Mrs. John Jolly.

The cast of the pageant "Methodism Marches On" included Damaris Petty, announcer; Mrs. Fletcher Prewitt, pianist; Scott Martin, Merwin Petty, Marshall McKinney, Kelley Womack, Wilbert McKinney, Clifford Perry, Wilma McKinney, Weldon Chandler, Rand Hawthorne, Betty Grace Means, Keifer Sumner, Mamie Maddox, Lucille Wise, Lilia Hawthorne, Douglas Petty, Larry Gene Chandler, Virginia Womack, Laverne Ferguson, Robert Chandler, Norma Lee Nicholas, and Kathleen Means, and Morene Rice.

Fred Womack, Noble Cockrell, and Fletcher Prewitt furnished properties and had charge of the lighting and changing the scenes.

DAMARIS PETTY.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE W. M. S.

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Daisy Davies, Council chairman of spiritual life to counsel with us, and who out of her rich experience will speak to us of certain methods which others have found helpful in making a complete surrender of themselves to God. May the Kingdom of God and the principles of Jesus Christ be exalted in our lives this year!

Again we have the opportunity and privilege of sending another Conference daughter to represent you and me in China. We are sharing with North Mississippi the support of Louise Killingsworth who was consecrated at Council and sails for China this summer. She is quite outstanding in her personality, and has an unusual record in scholarship and experience. In her talk on the Council program, she said: "To have a part in the great missionary movement is to have a part in something that is a part of the very heart of God. It is a glorious privilege and I am grateful to you who are making it possible for me." Our women last year expressed their appreciation of having Mathilde Killingsworth represent them in China by an enthusiastic and happy response to the special for her. It went over BIG! And we are just as happy to assume the special for Louise.

We appreciate the service our young women rendered in this sisterhood of service last year, and we likewise appreciate the possibilities they have for service. We want their enthusiasm, ideas, alertness, energy and talents, and in turn we want to share with them through our organization the great opportunities for acquiring knowledge, enriching life, new outlooks through linking their lives with those of other women in a fellowship of service. Each auxiliary is asked to have a secretary of young women whose duty shall be to cultivate the young women of our church, to share with them her rich experiences and arouse a missionary interest—to be a friend interested in their activities. See that this woman is elected!

The Missionary Society should be of inestimable worth to the church, not so much as an organization, but as an influence in helping to make a missionary church. We earnestly desire that it shall be a more potent and permeating force in creating a missionary mind and deepening the spiritual life of the local church. We are church women first and as such we want to meet every obligation of the church and make larger use of the opportunities for more through cultivation and co-operation through the many channels provided by General Conference, as: Representatives on the various boards and committees of the church, teachers in the church school, the co-operative plan for Missionary education of children, missionary programs on fourth Sundays, the participation in the work of the missionary committee of the church, through mission study courses in training schools and summer conferences.

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There is much to be done. Every woman of the church should be a member of Missionary Society, and every member should be cultivated for active participation and a larger sense of responsibility. We must help the local church to sense the urgency of world-wide missions. This requires faith, prayer, patience, study, courage and work. May our women never know the meaning of retreat, nor ever entertain the thought of retrenching, but continue to broaden the fields of service and expand the horizons of usefulness until every personality is given the opportunity of developing to the fullest capacity in obedience to the command of Him who gave us our great commission.

"O, matchless Honor all unsought,
High privilege, surpassing thought,
That thou shouldst call us Lord, to be
Linked in work fellowship with thee,
To carry out thy great command
To bear thy message unto man
In trust with Christ's own word of grace
To every soul of the human race."

Mrs. D. L. St. John, the new Conference Secretary, attended the Jackson and Meridian meetings. She spoke briefly concerning the opportunities of women in the world today, calling attention to the recognition women are receiving, but urging them to use this new power to make every area of life more Christ-like.

The honor guest at the meetings was Miss Hallie Buie, one of our missionary daughters, who is now principal of Carolina Institute, Seoul, Korea. Miss Buie spoke of the political situation in Korea, of the intimate every-day occurences at her school, of the large number of girls

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

According to a telegram received from Dr. G. F. Winfield, the Meadville and Bude charge, Rev. A. S. Oliver, pastor, is the first to raise its quota on the Whitworth College Endowment, amounting to $643.

Dr. Joseph A. Smith of Central Church, Meridian, sends us a list of 21 subscriptions on the quota of his church. Dr. Smith launches his campaign with a general appeal and then follows up with the canvass.

Mr. W. D. Hawkins, Conference Missionary secretary and faithful layman of Meridian, is able to spend part of the time in his office, but is still weak and sore from the effects of his recent automobile accident.

The Quitman charge, Rev. Victor G. Clifford, pastor, reported all benevolences paid in full for the year, all other finances paid in full to date, and 25 accessions to the church, at the recent session of the Meridian District Conference.

Rev. W. B. Alsworth, presiding elder, called a meeting of the team captains for the Advocate campaign for Hattiesburg District. The entire district is being organized, and the planning and leadership personnel assure a great victory for the campaign.

Dr. H. T. Carley, associate editor of the Advocate, preached the commencement sermon for the Satartia, Miss., high school on Sunday, May 2. He also delivered the address at the closing exercises of the school at Phoenix, Miss., on Monday evening, May 3.

Rev. Swope Noblin reports that Epworth-Wesley charge, Biloxi, is making progress along all lines. His people are making fine response to the program of work. His benevolences for the year have been paid in full, and the charge is one hundred per cent loyal to the Advocate.

The following telegram was received from Rev. W. B. Jones, presiding elder of the Meridian District, just after the forms for last week's paper had gone to press: "Bishops' Crusade Meridian District Thirteen Hundred Thirty-two Dollars Incomplete." We trust that by now all charges have reported and the total materially increased.

Rev. J. O. Hanes, General Evangelist of Birmingham, Ala., is conducting his seventeenth consecutive annual revival at the Tatum Lumber Company, Hattiesburg. Each year through the efforts of Mr. W. S. F. Tatum, Rev. J. O. Hanes and the local pastor the religious life of this saw mill community is revived and many souls are brought closer to God.

Rev. H. E Raley, of Mendenhall, has our sincere thanks for a list of subscriptions containing his own renewal and four new readers to add to those already receiving the Advocate at that place. In closing he adds that the Advocate is scheduled to receive his personal attention in the very near future and reports everything moving along nicely on the Mendenhall and D'Lo charge.

The seventy-ninth session of Whitworth College will close on May 25. On May 23, Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs will preach the commencement sermon, and will conduct a vesper service in the afternoon of the same day. At 11 a.m., May 24, he will deliver the alumnae address, and at 10 a. m. the following day Bishop Dobbs will deliver the commencement address. All pastors, patrons and friends are invited to be present.

Important Correction. We regret exceedingly the very serious typographical error which appeared in the article captioned "Miss Fairfax," carried on page 16 of last week's issue. In the second paragraph the date of the founding of Elizabeth Academy, first institution in the world to confer a degree upon a woman, and of which Whitworth College is the successor, should have been 1818, instead of 1918, as it appeared.

"We are going to really put on the Advocate campaign in the Meridian District and expect to reach our quota," writes Rev. Victor G. Clifford, recently appointed director of the Advocate campaign in that district. Brother Clifford has been a loyal supporter of the Conference Organ throughout his entire ministry and is one of the best friends the Advocate has. We have already placed the district in the quota column and have set aside the $100.00 District award for payment immediately after the quota is in hand which Brother Clifford expects to be not later than June 15.

Upon recommendation of the Conference Board of Christian Education, and by unanimous adoption of the Mississippi Annual Conference, the Methodists of South Mississippi are now in the midst of a campaign to raise an additional endowment of $75,000.00 for Whitworth College, located at Brookhaven, Mississippi. The quota of $25,000.00 assigned to the city of Brookhaven has already been raised, and an additional sum of $5,000 to take care of the expenses of the campaign and to supplant running expenses until the endowment is in hand has also been secured from the citizens of that place. It is hoped that every charge in the Mississippi Conference will raise its full quota without delay.

REVIVAL AT YAZOO CITY

My Dear Dr. Duren: We have just closed our annual revival in the Yazoo City Methodist church, conducted this year by Rev. J. H. Jolly, pastor of Grace church in Jackson, and Rev. Roy L. Lane, pastor at Benton. I had the privilege of having these brethren in meetings before but they surpassed, if possible, their previous services. The meeting began on April 25 and closed on May 2. Attendance upon the services was hindered somewhat by sickness and other causes, but the spirit was good in all the services. Brother Jolly is sanely but earnestly evangelistic and makes a special appeal to adults not only for salvation but for Christian service. Brother Lane is an excellent helper as a song leader, a worker with children, in personal work, or in any activity connected with the revival. During the meeting and since its close we have received into the church ten persons, all adults except one. Others are asking for admission. The church generally has been strengthened.

J. B. CAIN, P. C.

MERIDIAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Meridian District Conference met at Rose Hill, Miss., April 21-22, 1937. Rev. W. B. Jones, presiding elder called the conference to order at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 21st and after devotional services conducted by the elder, Rev. O. S. Lewis, secretary of the district conference of 1936, called the roll. Rev. Roy Wolfe was elected secretary and Rev. N. U. Boone, assistant secretary. A check of the roll showed that every pastor was present and a good representation of the lay delegates.

There was one that was absent for the first time in forty years , in the person of Brother W. D. Hawkins, who was at home recuperating from an automobile accident. Though we missed him we were grateful to God that his life was spared and that his injuries were no worse than they were.

The various interests of the church was represented by able speakers. Dr. J. G. Snelling was present to represent the Memorial Mercy Home and Dr. Duren represented the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Rev. J. L. Neill brought a great message at the 7:30 service on Wednesday night and presented the Bishops' Crusade.

Rev. I. H. Sells, executive extension secretary of the Conference Board of

Christian Education was in charge of the Christian Education program and presented Dr. C. A. Bowen of the General Board and Dr. J. L. Decell of Jackson as the principal speakers. A group of young ladies from Whitworth College gave a very interesting program.

The lay activity program was in charge of P. L. Blackwell in the absence of Brother W. D. Hawkins. Dr. J. M. Sullivan was the speaker.

Rev. T. E. Nicholson was elected district director of the Golden Cross.

Rev. O. S. Lewis was elected District Missionary secretary.

Rev. V. G. Clifford was appointed district director for the Advocate campaign and he appointed as his assistants the following: C. C. Clark, Murray Cox, J. A. Smith, M. K. Miller and P. L. Blackwell.

An offering was taken to place Advocates in the Sanatorium at Magee.

The presiding elder appointed the following to serve as a Committee on License to Preach: J. A. Smith, O. S. Lewis, J. L. Carter, Roy Wolfe, N. U. Boone, and R. L. Walton.

Two splendid young men were licensed to preach: Earnest Binford Smith of the Burnside charge and Rush Glen Miller of the Philadelphia church.

Eighteen delegates were elected to Annual Conference as follows: L. P. Brown, G. W. Mars, P. L. Blackwell, C. M. Davis, H. A. Gower, W. D. Hawkins, J. W. Dement, J. D. Fatheree, Mrs. D. L. St. John, Mrs. L. O. Todd, Mrs. H. M. Ivy, Thos. L. Bailey, J. O. Moore, M. G. Matheney, Brogan Price, D. A. McKinnon, Mrs. B. E. Rosenbaum, and Dr. W. H. Mars.

There were six alternate delegates elected as follows: C. G. Stokes, J. D. Young, R. I. Jolly, S. J. Creekmore, T. H. Naylor and W. M. Pilgrim.

Rev. V. G. Clifford of Quitman brought the sermon at the 11 o'clock service of the first day and the Christian Education program took the 11 o'clock service on the second day.

Our presiding elder, Rev. W. B. Jones, presided with the utmost ease and that with his good humor and Christian brotherliness made the District Conference a joy from beginning to end.

ROY WOLFE, Secretary.

REPORT FROM SHUBUTA

On the 23rd day of April, 1937, the Woman's Missionary Society gave an excellent luncheon at the Methodist church. A large crowd assembled at the church. A collection was taken for missions, resulting, in all, in $115. A short time before this collection, $778 had been spent in covering and painting the church. The salaries of the preacher and presiding elder have been paid to date; $22.50 has been paid on District Work; $224 on the Orphanage; for superannuates, $224; Bishops' Crusade, $120; Benevolences, $115. The Shubuta church has a membership of only 199.

This excellent report is due in a large measure to the faithful and untiring efforts of our pastor, Rev. E. A. Kelly.

D. W. HEIDELBERG.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary Society Conference of Brookhaven District met at Summit on April 20, having a large attendance.

The morning devotional was conducted by Rev. R. H. Clegg, the presiding elder. A very cordial welcome was given by Mrs. H. Thompson, of Summit, and a beautiful response was given by Mrs. Magee, of Bude.

Twelve pastors were next introduced by Mrs. A. S. Oliver, the District secretary. She then introduced Mrs. Paul Arrington, who was recently elected W. M. S. Conference president. Before going into her address for the morning, Mrs. Arrington graciously thanked the District for the Life Membership which had been presented to her at the Conference held in Yazoo City, April 6-9. Next she gave a very vivid report of the Council meeting which she had recently attended in South Carolina. She called attention to the splendid record made by the Brookhaven District under the inspired leadership of Mrs. Oliver. Special attention was called to the fifteen life members received during 1936, this number being exceeded only by the Jackson District. She called attention to a retreat that is being planned for this spiritual life group, which is to be held in Jackson later. All members are invited to be present. The time is to be announced through each auxiliary president.

Mrs. Arrington very forcibly pointed out the privilege and opportunity to share with North Mississippi Conference in sending Miss Louise Killingsworth as a new missionary to China. Her comments then were directed to the local auxiliaries, saying they should help in all activities of the church. She urged that the Light be carried through the W. M. S. to the uttermost parts of the world. "Do not let the light go out in our hands. We need facts, folks, faith and funds."

Mrs. Oliver next introduced Mrs. L. W. Alford, who gave a report of the Missionary Conference in Yazoo City. In her charming way she told of the theme of the whole Conference, which was, "Building and Making the World Christian." The three key words were Opportunity, Danger, Crisis. She also told of a service held in which a large group of young girls expressed their desire to help in the work of the adult Missionary Society. She reported that our Conference pledge in 1936 was paid in full for the first time. The 1937 pledge was increased, thereby necessitating an increase in District and auxiliary allotments. She then reported the message of Dr. Bullock from Millsaps College.

The District secretary, Mrs. Oliver, then introduced Love Joy Green, the only child life member in Brookhaven District. An entertaining reading, "Missionary," was excellently rendered by Love Joy.

Introductions of Mrs. Carl N. Craig, Conference superintendent of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Gordon Patton, Conference vice president; Miss Hallie Buie, returned missionary from Korea; Mrs. Norman Taylor, District secretary, Jackson.

Mrs. Craig made a most interesting and instructive talk on "Christian Citizenship." She pointed out that we are living in an age of revolution, that we've made more progress during the last 150 years than in the previous 2000 years. Our forefathers enjoyed patiently waiting for the necessities and privileges with which they were favored, while during our fast moving age one actually gets irate if he misses one section of a revolving door. This exemplifies our moving and growing age in the church as well as elsewhere.

The suggestion was made by Mrs. Craig that our history and English teachers should be contacted and urged to place more emphasis on the glories of peace and less on the martial events.

Mrs. Craig next commented on the Duck Hill tragedy of a few days ago. She urged the Conference as a body not to condemn any efforts of our Governor in doing what is possible to apprehend the guilty parties, and also to let the Governor know his efforts are endorsed by the Missionary Society of this District.

At this time resolutions condemning the Duck Hill tragedy were read by Mrs. L. W. Alford, superintendent Christian Social Repatlions and adopted.

The next speaker was Miss Hallie Buie. She invited the audience to ask questions about Korea. She gave a brief history of Korea, their wedding ceremonies, their lack of home life, their methods of cooking and sewing. She then told of her school in Korea. This instructive address was deeply enjoyed by all.

A delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of the Summit Methodist church.

Afternoon Session.—Devotional conducted by Rev. L. T. Nelson. Mrs. Oliver then took time to explain a number of very attractive posters on display. From this she led into a report of the Missionary Society work in the Brookhaven District, explaining many points that she hoped to stress during 1937. She very resourcefully dressed a model missionary society member, placing a World outlook, a Year Book, a hand book, a purse with a bit of money with which to meet her obligations in her hands.

Mrs. Homer Frizell, Conference superintendent of the Young Woman's Divis-

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. A. P. Stephens assisted Rev. R. H. B. Gladney in meetings at Alligator and Duncan. Several united with the church as a result.

According to Dr. J. R. Countiss, presiding elder, it seems certain that the Greenville District will go beyond $1,200 in its offering for the Bishops' Crusade.

Rev. G. W. Robertson of Acona charge, in a business note to the office, says: "Count on me again for my quota on Advocate." We appreciate his unfailing loyalty.

A note from Rev. W. J. Dawson says: "Houston went over on the Bishops' Crusade in great shape. Raised a total of $100 and all other claims of the church paid in full."

Rev. H. S. Spragins, pastor at Trinity Church, Memphis, Tenn., and a former presiding elder of the Greenville District is assisting Rev. W. W. Woollard in a meeting at Benoit.

Mr. Mark M. Elledge and Rev. E. H. Cunningham, both of Corinth, were elected Grand Commander of the Knights Templar, and Grand Chaplain respectively, at the recent meeting held in Biloxi.

Rev. E. H. Cunningham requests that all pastors of Corinth District send to him at once the names of all delegates for whom entertainment is to be provided. It is the purpose of the editor of the Advocate to be on hand.

Mrs. N. D. Guerry, wife of the pastor at Glen Allan, is making satisfactory recovery after a second and very severe operation. Her case was critical and much prayer was made for her restoration.

Dr. R. E. Smith of Centenary College will deliver Bible lectures at Cleveland on May 16-17, and continue the series at Boyle which is two miles from Cleveland during the Greenville District Conference on the 18th and 19th of May.

Rev. J. D. Wroten presiding elder of the Corinth District, reports that the Ripley church has added $210.00 to the total already reported for the Bishops' Crusade, making the present total $1706.-76 with a few country churches still to be heard from.

Rev. W. R. Goudelock has just closed a revival at Dubbs. The preaching was done by Rev. S. M. Butts. There were thirty additions on profession of faith and eight by certificate. The pastor reports that the entire community was reached.

The Sunflower charge, under the leaderership of Rev. J. O. Dowdle, is taking on new life, having recently painted the parsonage and added several new pieces of furniture and beautified the grounds surrounding the pastor's home. A new lighting plant has also been installed at the Fairview church. Much interest was displayed in the Bishops' Crusade, and an offering of $110.00 was made.

REVIVAL AT DUBBS SUCCESS

We closed a really great meeting at Dubbs April 30.

Rev. S. M. Butts, Conference evangelist, came to us and began a revival the 3rd of April, the meeting continued 13 days. We received 38 members into the church, a great number of reclaimations and reconsecrations. The entire church and community was stirred as it has never been stirred for years—the house was packed to its capacity. The time of mass evangelism is not gone when we preach the Gospel that our fathers preached. God will honor it. We had some shouting and men and women with families were saved and joined the church.

Brother Butts is an able, consecrated young preacher. Many of our larger stations need the gospel messages that he brings. Brethren, he will do your people and yourself good if you will give him a chance.

We ought to keep him busy.

W. R. GOUDELOCK, P. C.

CORINTH DISTRICT

Dear Dr. Duren: I gladly give you, charge by charge, what we have done on Bishops' Crusade. Twenty-seven have reported and the other five were delayed by commencement exercises. The following reported:

Abbeville, $42.00; Ashland, $12.00; Baldwyn, $54.00; Belmont, $64.00; Blue Mountain, $12.50; Booneville, $52.00; Burnsville (Mission), $4.10; Corinth, 1st., $248.76; Corinth Ct., $35.00; Guntown, $31.00; Hickory Flat, $34.00; Holly Springs, $70.00; Iuka Station, $174.50; Iuka Ct., $50.00; Kossuth, $17.00; Mantachie, $6.00; Mooreville, $24.85; Myrtle, $50.00; New Albany Station, $323.88; New Albany Ct., $10.00—four other churches to report; Oxford, $70.00; Potts Camp, $20.00; Rienzi, $30.00; Sherman, $37.00; Wheeler, $18.80—Total, $1,491.39. Reported at Jackson, $500. Grand total, $1,496.39.

Two charges wrote that nothing could be raised (?) Too bad that any charge should feel thus. Then we have five, including Ripley, to be heard from yet.

Notice to Pastors of Corinth District

I want to thank you pastors, and through you your laymen and laywomen, for the splendid work done in the Crusade. The pastor is indeed the KEY man. He is also the **Lock and Key** man for by using the key of indifference he can lock a charge against any good cause.

About the district conference, to meet at First Church, Corinth, May 20-21, I want to urge that pastors and delegates be present at nine o'clock SHARP May 20. We must begin on time every time if we are to transact all that is to come before us. Every thing is important and must have plenty of time to be presented. In general the program will be as follows:

9:00 a. m. (May 20) Devotional by pastor-host, Dr. E. H. Cunningham.

9:15 a. m. Organization.

Then will follow some words of welcome, reports of local preachers, hospital interests and the Orphanage.

11 a.m. An address by Dr. R. E. Smith, of Centenary College.

12 noon—Lunch.

2 p. m. Devotional. All the devotionals will be in charge of Rev. S. E. Ashmore of Iuka. The rest of the afternoon will be given to the two great causes of our church; Christian Education (represented by Drs. D. M. Key, W. C. Newman, and Roy Grissom) and Missions (represented by Drs. J. H. Holder and L. M. James).

At the evening hour the committee on pastors' reports will make its report just before Dr. R. E. Smith gives his address of the evening.

Pastors will please have their reports ready and hand them in to the committee on pastors' reports by noon the first day, so that all may be tabulated before the evening hour. Do not forget that (as I requested of you in my recent letter to the pastors) you are to report all worthy items such as number received into the church, amount raised for salaries, benevolences, Bishops' Crusade, hospitals, Orphanages, Mercy Home, Fourth Sunday offerings, and building repairing and furnishing churches and parsonages. Report number of Advocate subscriptions received since conference, etc.

Second Day, May 21

9:00 a. m. Devotions, S. E. Ashmore in charge. We will then have representatives from New Orleans Christian Advocate, the Memorial Mercy Home, discussions on revivals, and a season of earnest prayer for the Lord to send us forth as flaming evangels to save our people in the Corinth District and our neighbors as far as we can reach.

At a suitable hour, the second morning, balloting will begin for delegates to the Annual Conference.

11:00 a. m. Address by Dr. R. E. Smith.
Lunch.

2.00 p. m. Devotions, Rev. S. E. Ashmore in charge.

2:20 p. m. "Board of Lay Activities will lead us in an interesting program. Following this program the conference will select place of meeting next year, hear reports from the committees, and adjourn. So you can see how IMPORTANT it is to be at the seat of the conference at nine o'clock SHARP the first day.

J. W. WROTEN, P. E.

REPORT OF DR. W. B. LEWIS, TUNDA STATION, AFRICA

As the year 1936 closes and we look back over the work of the past twelve months, we feel that our Hospital has progressed. The efforts put forth have been blessed and we have been privileged to serve quite a number. There has been a spirit of cooperation between the natives and the medical work and the Government and the medical work that we have not seen before. Our food for the patients became quite a problem due to a shortage of foodstuff. One Government official donated two hundred pounds of rice, a white trader donated a ton of manico flour, the captain on the boat between Kasango and Kibombo river brought another ton of manico flour and donated the transport from Kasango to the Mission. The natives, when they learned of the shortage of food, asked if we could come out with our trailer, and they gave here a bowl of rice, another some peanuts, etc., until we had a trailer full. As we did not know who had donated what, we paid the chief and asked him to distribute it to those who had donated. It made us feel that our work was appreciated.

On Christmas night we had a service in the church and called upon those who wished to give a short testimony of God's blessings to do so. The Hospital patients who were able to be there had been invited, too. Quite a number got up and thanked God for what the Hospital had been to them. That alone amply repaid us for the disappointments and failures of the year.

Right here I would like to say that we have been privileged to have two ladies from the E. S. A. Mission here with us for medical care, Miss Steel and Miss Burk. They have not failed a single day; they were able to go to the Hospital and talk and pray with the patients in bed and those who were sitting around. The good results have been very noticeable. One day some of the patients sent up to know why they had not been down for two days. It had been raining and they were unable to get out, but the natives missed it.

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We have completed a ward for tuberculosis and have two women there now. One was having hemorrhages, but is much better at this time. The other was in an early stage. It has been our custom to send those with tuberculosis home, as we had no place to care for them, but now we are trying to help along that line, too.

Our gardening has gone along about as usual. We have about 3,000 coffee trees planted that we hope within another two years will bring something to the Hospital. These trees have been donated by a planter.

Our buildings are sadly in need of repair, but at present we have not had the opportunity of working on them. We are in hopes the necessary funds for permanent buildings will soon be available.

We are thankful for the past successes, and are praying for even greater opportunities of service in 1937.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. LEWIS, M.D.,
In charge of Medical Dept.

Medical Department, Tunda Station, Annual Report, 1936

Missionary workers in this department, 3.

Out-Patient Section

	Men	Women	Children	Total
Dispensary	1940	1535	4288	6763
Visits to village	16	58	99	173
Total treatments	1956	1593	4387	6936

Hospital—number of patients at beginning of year, 97; admitted during the year, 714; dismissed as cured, 495; dismissed as improved, 66; dismissed as unimproved, 27; died, 18.

Laboratory — Examinations: Blood, 1137; urine, 1217; feces, 761; smears, 66; lymph, 269; sputum, 13; lumbar punctures, 9.

Surgery—Major operations, 148; minor operations, 78; obstetrical, 7; teeth extracted, 111; intravenous injections, 1998; intramuscular injections, 2277.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Sardis-Grenada Dist.—Third Round

Olive Branch, at Miller, May 19, a.m.
Byhalia, at Emory, May 19, p.m.
Mt. Pleasant, at New Salem, May 20.
Red Banks, at Mahon, May 21.
Holcomb, at Spring Hill, May 25.
Lambert and Crowder, at Brazil, June 6, a.m.
Marks-Belen-Darling, at Darling, June 6, p.m.
Pleasant Hill, at Brooks Chapel, June 13, a.m.
Hernando, June 13, p.m.
Longtown, at See's Chapel, June 15.
Horn Lake, at Eudora, June 17.
Crenshaw and Sledge, at Sledge, June 20, a.m.
Lake Cormorant, at Hollywood, June 20, p.m.
Sardis Circuit, at Wesley Chapel, June 23.
Sardis Station, June 27, a.m.
Shuford, at Pisgah, June 29.
Arkabutla, at Hunters Chapel, July 1.
Coldwater, at Love, July 4, a.m.
Tyro, at Mt. Vernon, July 6.
Charleston, at Bethel, July 11, a.m.
Batesville, July 11, p.m.
Como, July 14, p.m.
Courtland, at Courtland, July 15.
Oakland, at Oak Grove, July 18, a.m.
Cockrum, at Hebron, July 20.
Senatobia, July 21, p.m.
Grenada, July 25, a.m.
District Conference at Como, May 13-14.

All-day Rally for adults at Senatobia, May 30. Pastors' School at Grenada College, May 31,-June 5. Young People's Assembly at Grenada College, June 7-11.

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, MAY 16

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

THE FORBEARANCE OF ISAAC

Isaac is one of the lesser lights of the Bible, known as the son of Abraham and as the father of Jacob. In an age of polygamy he was the husband of one wife, and a man of peace in an age of war. He was notably successful in a country none too prosperous, and his success provoked jealousy rather than imitation by his neighbors. They preferred taking his wells to digging for themselves, being entirely willing to "share the wealth"—of others. Their breed is not extinct. Once, twice, three times he surrendered his property to these bandits and moved into new territory, even though he appears to have had forces quite sufficient for defending his rights. No doubt he was ridiculed as a coward, regarded as an "easy mark," and imposed upon. At that, his enemies are remembered only for their pugnacity, an infamous sort of glory, while Isaac is known as one who preferred peace to war, right to rights, and it is not recorded that he went hungry or that his seed begged bread.

War is more expensive than peace. One battle would have cost more than all of Isaac's wells. The World War cost more than the total property values of the entire United States, real and personal, not to mention the loss of ten million lives and the making of seven million widows and an equal number of orphans. Was it worth it? If so, what country got it? Where is the treasure stored? Behind the serried ranks of uniformed soldiers have followed the starving ranks of ragged breadliners whose end is not in view after a score of years. It is probably true that some men fight because they are brave and their cause is just. It is certainly true that many fight because they are afraid and their cause is weak. Many a war starts with a cowardly bluff. Isaac sacrificed some of his rights, but he maintained his self-respect, which was of more value, and he found both peace and prosperity.

Our century has suffered much and has sinned more. However, there blossoms from its blood-stained soil a fair flower of hope. Free citizens everywhere desire peace and seek to promote good will. Only those who are received and driven by despots craye or practice war. No regularly chosen head of a democracy rattles a saber in the face of his neighbor in warlike threat. Nor do the bribes of despots increase the birth rate of "cannon fodder" among the hordes of their miserable citizenship. Left to themselves, the people will rally to Isaac rather than to Abimelech. They prefer peace to war and right to rights. A little more light, a little more practice of the gospel of love and brotherhood, and war will take its place with slavery as an evil of the days that are dead.

Meantime, there is a better way than taking pacifist vows or pledging youth by a solemn oath never under any circumstance to fight. That better way is to preach peace, practice peace, seek freedom and justice for all, and to make every ballot count against those who would stir up strife among our citizens or war with our neighbors. Followers of the Prince of Peace cannot be disciples of bloody Mars.

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BOAKE CARTER'S TRIBUTE TO HIS DOG

Boake Carter, the widely known news commentator for the Philco Radio Co., speaking to some 6,000,000 listeners, November 24 last, paid this rarely beautiful and touching tribute to his faithful and devoted dog, "Rags," who had just passed into the "Great Beyond."

To a Gentleman

Today—a gentleman died. Not many people knew him. But I—I had that great and good fortune. He had a heart of gold. His loyalty to his friends was of that unswerving kind, unassailable by the perfidies or treacheries of vacillating mankind.

He used to sit with me by the hour and never say a word—and yet his very silence spoke volumes with a greater pungency than could be attained by the spoken word itself.

His courage was of steel—yet he could be as gentle of touch as the brush of a wind-blown thistledown from a country field against the human face. I watched him as a young man—with all a youngsters' juvenile quips, pranks and fancies, and the twinkle of mischief in his eyes.

I watched the habits of maturity fasten themselves upon him as the years slipped by. I traveled with him many thousands of miles, and no more understanding co-wanderer could one find, search he high or low, far or wide. He never thrust himself upon others. He never grew excited and he never bored you with airy persiflage and aimless conversation. He knew the life of shipboard, for he sailed many a round-trip voyage from New York and Mexico. He even once sampled that most modern form of transportation—only, it must be admitted, at my coaxing—and flew to Chicago and back with me.

Yet, withal, he was a venturesome fellow. Once he fell off a Rhode Island cliff, to suffer injury that demanded the utmost patience and taxed his spirit sorely, for the doctors thrust him into a plaster of Paris cast.

Once, he even fell out of my automobile on the outskirts of New Haven, but the hospital assured us both that a miracle had occurred. No injuries, beyond a few scratches, could be found. And so Time went on—until one day a malignant tumor, with which he had wrestled for a year or two, struck suddenly a deadly blow. Its poison destroyed the sight of his right eye.

From then on began the gradual sinking of a great and kindly soul. He struggled valiantly not to show his impediment, or permit it to inconvenience him. His spirit he kept high. He talked, laughed, with his long white teeth shining out from between the moustache and beard of which he was so proud—and his step was firm. But every now and then, when someone came up from his right side to greet him, only then did he falter, and I realized that things were not as they used to be. And so Time passed on again—and gradually the sight of the one good eye grew dimmer and dimmer—until suddenly it, too, went out like the flame of some lost candle of light.

And then he turned to me for reliance and help as his best friend. It used to hurt to see him sitting dejectedly by himself, a picture of abandonment, his chin almost on his chest, the orbs of his unseeing eyes a lifeless mist of blue. Every now and then he used to shake his head, as though he hoped this would clear away that mist. But it was no use.

With help and patience he learned to circumvent objects by feel and sense of touch. But once he fell down a flight of steps, and then the bumps began to come more often. He smiled a little, but not as often. Talked seldom. His sense of smell became blunted. He only slept—like old gentlemen snooze comfortably in the club arm chair, when they really get on in years.

United States Senator George Vest once remarked: "The best friend a man has may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The only absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog."

And thus my dog—"Rags"—of whom you have heard me speak once or twice before, the wiriest of wirehaired, but withal a gentleman of the old school, with punctilious manners, but a superb appreciation of what honest comradeship can mean, went on into the Great Beyond of All Dogs today—at the ripe old age of thirteen.

I shall miss him when I go home tonight.

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Methodist Women

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
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The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Monroe District was held in Lake Providence on April 29, with Mrs. E. C. Gibson, District secretary, presiding.

The meeting opened with a Spiritual Meditation entitled "What Have I Done?" led by Mrs. Gibson. The following subjects were discussed: "Mission and Bible Study," Mrs. S. M. Collins; "Christian Social Relations," Mrs. D. C. Metcalf; "Some Work at Houma," Mrs. A. E. Woodard; "Coupons Spell Mercy," Dr. J. G. Snelling; "Spiritual Life and Message," Mrs. Fred St. Amant; "Children's Work," Mrs. E. J. Brown. The main address of the day was given by Miss Julia Reed, who is now engaged in rural work in Arkansas. At the close of the afternoon session Mrs. Gibson conducted an Open Forum on many phases of the Woman's Work. A large crowd was in attendance.

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Interesting News from the Field

Bible women in China in the olden days, according to Miss Virginia Atkinson, who went to the field more than fifty years ago, endured hardships and faced dangers as they went from place to place in their boats to tell the gospel story. But the Bible women of today endure even greater hardships, for now they no longer have their boats, which provided sleeping and eating places. As they go on their rounds today they must either stay in the churches or with the preachers' families or any members who will take them in. Uncomplainingly they carry on, though all too often their beds are the doors of the home that have been taken down for them to sleep upon and sometimes they even have to share the room with the farm animals.

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At McTyeire School, Shanghai, one of the leading educational institutions of China maintained by Southern Methodist women, the students have recently been given an active part in the chapel services along with the faculty members, with splendid results and a wider increase of interest. Miss L. Gwanyuen, of the McTyeire faculty, sees a marked change in the students of McTyeire because of the present situation in China, which is turning them into serious and mature-minded women instead of irresponsible school girls. She says: "More and more the students are realizing their responsibility. The older ones have showed a marked loyalty to the school. Many McTyeire graduates are now rendering a remarkable service to society. The present day situation in China has done much to make them think."

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

On Monday, April 5, the Grenada auxiliary was addressed by Mrs. E. M. Sharpe of Grenada. She made a most interesting talk, the subject of which was her recent trip to Council, which she attended as a delegate from the North Mississippi Conference. Mrs. Sharpe spoke of her visit to Bethlehem Center in Augusta, Georgia, and of her interesting tour of Payne College, after which she presented most vividly the highlights of Council.

Among the interesting items of the Zone meeting of the Como Auxiliary and the Longtown circuit was this one: "Superintendent of Christian Social Relations urged the members of the Missionary Societies to write their Senators and Representatives asking them to use their influence and votes in assisting Mississippi to ratify and to secure additional appropriations for Ellisville, the home of the feeble minded. Large buildings were closed during the depression while over five hundred applicants are on the waiting list."

The plan of the Zone sending a Negro woman to the Holly Springs Leadership School met with the approval of those present.

Mrs. Ruth, of Artesia, writes: "The young women have very graciously accepted the responsibility of teaching our foreign study book, "Out of Africa." They are presenting it in such an interesting manner that we are always eager for the next meeting."

You will be interested in reading what Water Valley did the past quarter. We began the year with sixty members, gained thirteen, mostly young women. We have had good attendance at every meeting.

We paid one-third of our pledge and the Rural Work assessment.

We made more than one hundred visits to the sick, shut-ins and strangers.

We studied the Elective Course in the Adult Student, on Prayer.

We took part in one zone meeting, taking thirty-two from our church.

At the end of the quarter circle No. 2 entertained circle No's. 1 and 3. Sixty-eight attended.

We sent a delegate to Conference at Aberdeen.

This month, April, we have studied "Out of Africa" with very good interest and attendance.

We have never found it practical to organize a spiritual life group, but we do stress spirituality, using as our motto: "Without me ye can do nothing."

We count not ourselves to have done all or our best but we hope to ever go forward, and our aim is to be a real Missionary Society.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Stanley Wilson,
2212 Fifteenth St., Meridian, Miss.

During the past two weeks, the six districts of the Mississippi Conference have held their annual meetings. The new Conference president, Mrs. Paul Arrington, of Petal, was present at several of the meetings and in her inspiring message on "A Sisterhood of Service," said:

"As your new president I come in deep humility acknowledging my limitations and great need of your sympathetic attitude, earnest prayers, and whole-hearted co-operation. Our conference has had some fine leadership in all the presidents who have served and joyously given of themselves for the advancement of the great program of our organization. As their mantle now falls upon my shoulders, I feel very keenly my dependence upon the leadership of the Heavenly Father and the whole-hearted support of every auxiliary.

Our organization is a sisterhood of service. Canon Reeves said, "The Missionary Societies of the American women are the greatest gifts to the Kingdom of God." Our present Council record shows that women already interested and experienced in the church are finding in the Woman's Missionary Society an increasing opportunity for the development of personal religion, for a continuous study of world needs and conditions, and for an intelligent expression of their social vision. It is a training center for their major interests and endeavors while contributing richness to the whole of life and to effective usefulness.

The accomplishments of last year are very encouraging to us as we face this year's tasks—

"Behind us is Infinite Power,
Before us, Endless Possibility,
Around us is Boundless Opportunity."
and it all gives us grave responsibility.

We would serve with power, but to do so we must have spirit filled lives. Our hearts must be emptied of self in order that the spirit may come in and animate our entire being. Spirituality must become the dynamic force in all of our activities; it must be the foundation upon which the whole superstructure of the year's program should be built. We want then this year to place new emphasis upon spiritual values and feeling our need of help in our search after God and our attempts at helping others to find Him, we are planning to have a retreat in Jackson sometime in July and hope to have Miss

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In Memoriam

MRS. JOHN B. SHEARER

Early in the morning of February 18 our loving Father called Mrs. John B. Shearer to her home on high. With her going, the Woman's Missionary Society of Gibsland, La., lost one of its most valuable members. To our society, to her friends, and to the world she exemplified in her life the virtues that go to make up a noble character. Just to come into contact with a life so pure was surely a benediction. It is hard for earthly mortals to give one up, even to God, whose life seemed so needful, yet we realize that God in his infinite mercy looked at her sweet, unselfish life and knew that she had finished her good work on earth and was ready for her crown in heaven.

For those who were privileged to have known her sweet life, say that she was forever busy doing her Master's will. In early childhood she professed faith in Christ, and always clung close to her love for Him. Her dignity, grace and courage through difficulty will ever be to all of those who loved her, a shining goal for which we can all look up and find light. Her cheery smile, her radiant enthusiasm and her musical ability were wonderful assets for her life's biggest job, that of being a sweetheart of the Methodist parsonage.

She was born Helen Kerney, daughter of the late Edgar Kerney and Mrs. Minnie Kerney, of Flora, Miss. Her preliminary education was received in the public schools of Mississippi, later graduating from Whitworth College. She had graduate work at the University of Colorado, Mississippi State College, and Millsaps College. Several years found her an instructor in the Mississippi schools. It was in Millsaps College that her friendship, which grew into love, began with Brother John Shearer. This resulted in their marriage in 1924. To this union four children were born, Minetta Louise, Helen Irene, John Byers and Edgar Kerney.

She passed away at a Shreveport, La., sanitarium, and was buried beneath a mass of flowers in Houston, Miss. Services were held in Gibsland and in Houston, with pastors whom she admired and loved conducting both services, among them being Rev. H. M. Johnson, Arcadia, La.; Rev. John H. Smith, Baptist pastor of Gibsland, La.; Rev. W. J. Dawson, Houston, Miss., and Dr. J. Lloyd Decell, Jackson, Miss.

It is with broken hearts that we present this memorial to the family, and to our church paper.

We appreciate our church having ordained that she live with us even for so brief a time. We gained many lessons from a life so near perfection. May we resolve to live a bit nearer Christ so that all of us together might make the world brighter in the memory of our dear friend, Helen Shearer.

Resolved, that a copy of this memorial be sent to the Shearer family, the Christian Advocate, and a copy be included in our Woman's Missionary Society records.

MRS. E. W. NELSON,
MRS. F. A. COLEMAN,
MRS. WM. GARRETT,
Committee on Memorial.

MISS MINNIE ETHRIDGE

On March 2, 1937, we laid to rest the mortal remains of a beautiful steward and worker of our church at Montgomery, La. Interment was in the beautiful cemetery at Pineville, La.

One of the last things Miss Minnie did before she became ill was to attempt to speak or have her pastor to speak for the "World Outlook." She had come to the church with her copy and, feeling ill, said she was going to her home, recently completed, just in front of our church, till she felt better. Then she returned just before preaching and told us she was going to her sister, Mrs. J. F. Wardlow, of the M. P. Church, who lived nearby. She asked us to "look after everything." She had long been one of those who take the offering. It was not long after that she lay in state among beautiful flowers, the offerings of a host of friends. Just before the spirit left the body, she sang a verse of "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," and told her sister, Mrs. Wardlow, that all was well. She was ready to answer the summons, felt that from the beginning she was not going to get well. Miss Minnie was born in Montgomery, La., and spent most of her useful life in that community. She was one of the first this pastor met when he went to fill his appointment. Miss Minnie and Mrs. Eunice Shackelford were in the church, seeing to the fire, and that everything was in order. She said, "I want you to help us put a new roof on the church this year." "She loved, and her heart was in that little Methodist church," people said.

She will be sadly missed in missionary meetings and in Church School, and in all the work of the church. But, though God buries his workmen, he carries on his work. We pray that others shall be inspired by her example, and already we feel sure that the improvements she desired for our church will be a reality.

Her pastor,
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only from a personal relationship to Jesus Christ.

Bishop Smith has a more difficult and delicate task than that which we have just accomplished. Giving thanks to God for the success we have already secured, let us pray to God that His Spirit may continue to direct us. As for myself, I place such resources as I have at the service of the Aldersgate commemoration, as do all my colleagues in the College of Bishops. I have never known them to be so seriously in earnest about anything. I call upon Methodists in every section and of every rank and station to follow our example. Begin now to undergird the Bishops' Crusade with prayer and let us dedicate to its glorious consummation our whole strength.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE W. M. S.

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denied entrance each semester because of limited facilities, and of the changes which Christianity has brought to Korea in the twenty-eight years she has been there.

At the Brookhaven District meeting, Mrs. A. S. Oliver, presiding, Miss Buie was made a life member of the W. M. S. The Summit auxiliary was hostess.

The Hattiesburg District meeting, Mrs. R. E. Rollings presiding, met in Collins. Several children were made life members that day.

A feature of the Jackson meeting, held at Capitol Street, was the appearance of a large group of children from the Methodist Orphanage who sang several numbers. Mr. Fred McDonald, superintendent, made an appeal for sheets for the Home.

At the Meridian meeting, in Meridian at Central, Mrs. L. O, Todd, new secretary of this district, presided. The Seashore District met at Gulfport, Mrs. Power, presiding, and Port Gibson was hostess to the Vicksburg District, with Mrs. T. H. Fore presiding. All the District meetings were declared very successful by the women attending and much inspiration for the new work obtained.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT W. M. S.

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ion, was presented by Mrs. Oliver. To illustrate her talk, Mrs. Frizelle conducted a class of young women, asking them questions on their work and hopes and associations with the adult auxiliaries.

Mrs. Gordon Patton then announced arrangements for a Spiritual Life Conference in Jackson in July. She also made an appeal for more coupons for the Methodist Orphanage in Jackson.

Next Mrs. Curtis Youngblood very ably explained "How Council Spends its Money."

Mrs. C. A. Luper gave an interesting talk on "Success depends on the Efficiency of its Officials."

"Wesley House Boxes" was discussed by Mrs. John Boone, Conference superintendent of supplies.

Rev. Otto Porter invited all the ladies to attend a Leadership School at Biloxi, June 21-26.

A tender tribute of love for Miss Hallie Buie was expressed in the form of a life membership. This was presented by Mrs. A. S. Oliver in behalf of the Brookhaven District. Mrs. Oliver thanked the ladies of Summit for their kind hospitality of the occasion.

An invitation was accepted to hold the 1938 District Conference in Wesson.

This report respectfully submitted:

MRS. A. S. OLIVER,
District Secretary.
MRS. R. H. TURNAGE,
Corresponding Secretary;

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"AND HE PLACED AT THE GATE OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN CHERUBIMS AND A FLAMING SWORD"—Gen. 3-24

By Gladys B. Legg

(First place Peace Poem Contest, Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, 1936. Eron Dunbar Roland Cup)

And ever since that day the flaming sword
Has symbolized the world's Gethsemane!
No man, no Nation ever has been free
From swords of war, though blood was spent and poured
Upon the flames. We've fought and wept; implored
And tried for peace by every known decree
Of man or law . . . O, can we never see
That through our prayers must Eden be restored?

How deaf we are; our vision weak and dim.
O, pray to God that He again bequeath
To man the peace of earth. O, pray to Him
Who joyfully the flaming sword would sheathe!
O, world repent! Kneel as one man and pray
For that lost Eden of another day.

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Wallet of the Week

RUSSIA'S GODLESS DECLINING, is a headline announcing the signs of a religious reaction in Russia. The enrollment in the Militant Godless League is now two million as against five million in 1935. Five anti-religious museums in the provinces have been closed together with the Central Institute for Anti-Religious Propaganda, the latter of which had at one time three thousand students. During the past year only eighteen anti-religious books were published and fewer caricatures of religion were given publicity.

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THE YUKON IN CANADA, consisting of more than two hundred thousand miles of land area and six hundred and forty-nine miles of water area stretching from the Arctic Ocean along the border of Alaska, is to be annexed to British Columbia. The section is rich in gold and silver. The Dominion Government is to pay to British Columbia $125,000 per year for five years to meet certain necessary expenditures, and reservations are to be made for the use of the Indian population.

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TEXTUAL PREACHING, which is the rule in Protestant pulpits, is open to grave dangers, thinks Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins. He says: "The text is frequently used as a springboard from which to dive into deep or shallow homiletical waters, or as a peg upon which to hang the preacher's homiletical coat of many colors. A Scotch professor of homiletics remarked that a text divorced from its context becomes a pretext for the expression of some idiosyncrasy of the preacher." Dr. Robbins says also that topical preaching offers even greater temptation to preach one's own word and not the word of God.

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THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH is in great sorrow. Within the space of ten days it lost three of its best known and best beloved leaders. On April 18, Dr. George C. Cell, professor of Boston University and a distinguished theologian and student of Methodist history, died. On April 26, followed Bishop McDowell, an ecclesiastical statesman and a Prince in Israel. And on April 27, Dr. Charles L. Goodell, whose great evangelistic passion and ministry largely typed the evangelism of the Methodist Church throughout the nation for more than a quarter of a century, passed away.

NEWSPAPER EVANGELISM, a modern journalistic development first started in Japan, is reported to be spreading to other eastern countries. In China, two Hankow papers have carried daily advertisements about Christianity for several months, and in India and some Mohammedan countries, similar experiments have been made. In all cases they have had a fair measure of success. There is no good reason why modern methods of communication should not be more largely used by the Christian Church everywhere.

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THE GILBERT ISLANDS in the South Pacific have only four mail deliveries in a whole year, and so primitive is their civilization that their chief medium of exchange is coconuts—their principal crop and also the main item of export. The translation for the printed Scriptures, which they have asked for, has to be furnished many months in advance of publication, and the contributions for that purpose are paid in coconuts. Truly this little world of ours still has its distant and needy corners.

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DIPLOMACY BY "TRIAL BALLOONS" is said to be a device of authoritarian governments. Such governments launch some scheme in order to determine the temper of the people and future policy is shaped according to public reaction. At the present time, Japan is said to be sounding out international feeling on matters of vital interest, particularly as respects its policy in China. Japan appears to be seeking accord with England and the United States, and as being willing to make drastic modifications of its recent China policy in order to secure that coveted understanding.

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CYRUS E. DALLIN, famous sculptor of Indian life, recently completed his equestrian statue of Paul Revere, hero of the Revolution. Mr. Dallin won the award to execute the statue in an open competition against a field which included Daniel C. French, who created the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. The jealousy of a defeated contestant caused the resubmission of the proposal, and he won again over the same field only to meet defeat in the failure to raise the funds by popular appeal. Now, after fifty-three years of tragedy and toil, the seventy-six year old sculptor is triumphant again and his masterpiece stands on the Charles River at the foot of Pinckney Street, Boston.

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EDITORIAL

CHRISTIANITY IN EARNEST

An eminent English educator recently declared that covert or deliberate attacks upon Christian faith were being made in nearly every part of Europe, and in the face of the fact that governments and individuals are seeking earnestly for a solution of the present world confusion and chaos. In our country, such a reaction is probably less conscious and is certainly less open and formal, but we are not without many of the conditions which have produced the European situation. The attack upon religion is probably a natural reaction against the social and economic stress of recent years. It is, however, a great mistake to assume that our spiritual equilibrium will be restored by an improvement in our material circumstances. Nothing would prove more disastrous to the church than for it to welter through our economic distress in such a hope. The very fact that Christianity followed rather than led in the movement for recovery would forever discredit its leaders and discount the importance of its message. It seems to us that there never was a time when we needed to be more passionately Christian than now. Individually, collectively and in every method and process of propagation we must exhibit the spirit and the daring of the Son of God if we are to command the hearts of men in these desperate times. Unless we shall be able to see in every obstacle a new challenge to our faith and in every vexing problem a new starting point for the application of the Christian gospel, we will soon find civilization breaking away from the moral and spiritual idealism whose supreme expression was in the cross of Cavalry. An intelligent people will not consent to found its morals and its social relationships upon the mists of any high-sounding hypothesis, and men with burning hearts will demand more than a mere philosophy of hope which for all practical purposes is little better than bald agnosticism. Like the deputation of Greeks, men are still clamoring to see Jesus, and their demands are not less direct and insistent than they were upon that occasion in His public ministry.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

During the past few days, we have had our first opportunity to see the Southern Baptist Convention in action and to appraise its work. If for no other reason, the very size of it would make it an impressive body. It was announced from the platform that the registration had reached 4,435, which lacked only thirteen of setting an all-time attendance record. In most respects the Convention procedure does not differ from that of other church bodies of the same character. The business is largely matured and brought forward by the various boards and committees. It was interesting to note the precision with which the calendar was executed. There was no apparent effort to prevent speech making, but unnecessary discussion was largely obviated. The presiding officer had much to do with that, and at all times his mastery of the great assembly was a remarkable feature of the deliberations.

A large increase in the receipts of the Convention, $119,000, over the receipts of the previous year was announced by the Executive Committee; but the discussions of both the leaders and those who spoke from the floor indicated a caution which plainly reflected the financial difficulties of the Convention in recent years. A refunding bond issue not to exceed $600,000 was voted in order to refinance certain named and outstanding Convention obligations of like amount. Following that action and concluding their recommendations, the Executive Committee offered the following significant and, we think, wise paragraph: **"Debt Prevention."**

"That the Executive Committee of the Convention be instructed to formulate plans and policies looking toward the prevention, in the future, of the incurring of debts either by the Convention or its agencies."

Dr. E. D. Head, of Houston, Texas, spoke on "What the Holy Spirit Does for the Christian" at the conclusion of the morning session Friday. At the afternoon session Friday, Dr. Geo. W. Truett paid a memorial tribute to the late Dr. L. G. Hardman, once Governor of Georgia, and he also spoke at the concluding service of the Convention on Sunday evening.

It was the first time that we had ever heard Dr. Truett and we heard him, therefore, with great interest. We had some knowledge of his ability as a preacher, but we were not prepared for the physical vigor of a man of his years. His sermon closing the Convention was one of the most forthright and positive affirmations of a rigidly orthodox Christology that we have heard in many a day. We do not mean to say that it was merely an assertion of a narrow dogmatism, but that it was a vigorous and able presentation of truth to which the preacher himself is absolutely committed. It is no wonder that a man with such conviction and ability has attained international eminence as a denominational leader.

DEAN PARKER RESIGNS

The resignation of Dean Franklin N. Parker as dean of the Candler School of Theology of Emory University is the occasion of sincere sorrow throughout the entire Church, South. His going will affect very deeply those whose young minds and hearts have been profoundly influenced by his wise and Christian guidance, but no less will it be felt by those who have observed at greater distance his impress upon the life of the church during the eighteen years of monumental service rendered as head of that great school for the training of young ministers. His resignation will become effective next September, but he will continue to teach systematic theology as he is doing now. Dr. Henry B. Trimble, who succeeds him, is no experiment, for he comes to his new position from the ranks of the faculty and is, therefore, thoroughly known. Personally, we are entirely satisfied with the selection of Dr. Trimble, but that satisfaction does not relieve our feeling that in the retirement of Dean Parker, the Church is losing one of the ablest, sanest and most devoted leaders that it ever had.

PROGRESS?

A group of Harvard students, who have made a study of social conditions during the past twenty-five centuries, have reached the conclusion that the twentieth century is the worst of all that vast stretch of years. Its record is the bloodiest in history; and, despite the turbulence attributed to the Middle Ages, they say that the chance of the average citizen to die a natural death then was more than six thousand times greater than it is now. And still we talk peace, but prepare for war.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

"HE BOTHERS HISSELF"

People who live in the country can enjoy Nature in a way that is denied those who dwell in the city. You can see the sunrise in the city but—seldom do; but you can't see the stars and the moon, for the street lights are too glaring.

I can sit on the porch these beautiful spring mornings and hear the bob white whistling to his mate; I can hear the dove cooing his love notes to his partner who has her nest in the pear tree; I can see the brilliant-colored Baltimore oriole and his more somber cousin, the orchard oriole, flitting about among the pecan trees; frequently the beautiful red-bird hops around in the yard looking for a succulent worm; a wren has a nest in a hole in the catalpa tree; droves of blackbirds are chattering in the mock-orange hedge, and the bluejays are raising sand all over the place. It's wonderful to live in the country!

But there are some things about the country that are not so wonderful. Along with the beautiful birds, the woodland flowers, and the sweet perfume of the fields, there are snakes, rats, toads, mosquitoes—and the skunk!

The skunk wanders about mostly at night. He is pretty to look at, and his skin is commercially valuable, known to the fur trade as Alaska sable. But his attractiveness ends with his looks and his fur. He is a good deal like the onion, only more so—a fine vegetable, but unpopular because of its odor.

The other evening it was evident that a skunk was in the neighborhood. I made some remark about his presence to Harrison, the colored yard boy, and added that the skunk is a fine little animal if you don't bother him. Harrison's comment was, "The trouble with the skunk is, he bothers hisself."

Which, in a manner of speaking, is a parable. Some people you can get along with if you don't bother them; there are others who "bother theyselves."

DR. WAINRIGHT'S BROADCAST OVER INTERNATIONAL HOOK-UP

Dr. S. H. Wainright, Dean of Southern Methodist missionaries in Japan and general manager of the Christian Literature Society of Japan, has been asked by the official broadcasting station in Tokyo, to speak over an international hook-up on the night of May 21.

The occasion is a celebration in Japan of the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Wainright in Yokohama on May 21, 1888. It is the celebration of Dr. Wainright's 50th year according to the Japanese way of counting, and also the golden wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Wainright which, according to Western reckoning, was December 30, 1936. The address over the radio hook-up will be in connection with the wide celebration in Japan.

The Tokyo station has connections in the United States with JZJ for the Pacific Coast and New York and JVN for New York alone. The broadcast will reach the Pacific Coast at 9:15 p.m. This will be 11:15 p.m. Central Standard Time and 12:15 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Dr. Wainright's subject will be "Fifty Years in Japan."

OUR NEW FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

On May 4, 1937, our Board of Missions ordered fourteen new missionaries sent to our various foreign fields. Twelve were accepted and personally presented to the Board. These will sail as soon as the necessary formalities can be arranged. Two others will be selected and sent as soon as possible. Those already accepted are shown above, with the foreign secretaries of the Board and the Bishop in charge of our foreign Conferences and missions. They are as follows, left to right: Back row (standing): Mrs. Russell Lee Miller, Brazil; Mr. Russell Lee Miller, Brazil; Mrs. Marshall Wilson Lovell, China; Mr. M. L. Lovell, China; Mr. Marion Olin Burkholder, Korea; Mr. Inman Townsley, Africa.

Second row (standing): Dr. A. W. Wasson, foreign secretary, General Work; Dr. M. L. Smith, China; Mr. Paul D. Mitchell, Cuba; Mr. Chas. W. Chappell, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Willard Ream, Brazil; Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, foreign secretary, Woman's Work.

Front row (sitting): Miss Virginia Neel, Brazil; Miss Betty Alt, Korea; Bishop Arthur J. Moore; Miss Agnes Mallory, Cuba; Miss Louise Killingsworth, China.

LETTER FROM BISHOP ARTHUR MOORE

Dear Dr. Duren: Our entire Church is rejoicing in the success of the first phase of the Bishops' Crusade. Our Board of Missions has been released from the burden of debt incurred during the depression years. A new advance in our missionary work around the world has been made possible.

Without the fine and faithful assistance of our church papers we could not have achieved this success. Without exception, our Advocates have given themselves to the promotion of the Crusade. Through them we have been able to acquaint our people with the facts and having the information they have generously responded. Allow me to express my sincere thanks to the New Orleans Christian Advocate for its fine support of the Crusade.

Sincerely yours,
ARTHUR J. MOORE.

Modesty is a grace seldom spoken of, yet no grace is lovlier. Modesty is the sincerest evidence of real humility.

Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. J. W. Faulk is holding a Daily Vacation Bible School in his church at Leesville, which began on May 17.

Rev. J. C. Whitaker sends a list of subscriptions from Athens charge and says that it is his purpose to increase the list of Advocate readers on that work.

Rev. A. E. Hoffpauir, pastor of "The Friendly Church," Grand Cane charge, sends a list of subscriptions and says that he is in the midst of his Advocate campaign.

Rev. R. H. Staples, of Coushatta charge, remembered his mother with a subscription to the Advocate as a Mother's Day gift. His mother, Mrs. J. L. Tucker, lives at Route 1, Star, Miss.

We have a report of substantial progress in First Church, Lake Charles, where Dr. W. L. Doss, Jr., is the pastor. We are glad to hear that there is prospect of success in refinancing the church debt.

The Advocate acknowledges the favor of an invitation from Miss Juniata M. Bonnecarrere to attend the commencement exercises of Hammond High School, May 21. Miss Juniata is the daughter of Rev. J. P. Bonnecarrere, of Natalbany charge.

Miss Katherine Yeldell, secretary of Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, sends us a list of ten subscriptions—six of them new. The Rev. Charles M. Crowe, the active and efficient pastor, is beginning what promises to be a great pastorate in that church.

Mr. Albert S. Lutz, Jr., favors the Advocate with an invitation to be present at his graduation from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, May 28, 1937. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Lutz, of DeRidder. We appreciate the remembrance and join with many friends in cordial felicitations.

Rev. J. P. Bonnecarrere, pastor at Natalbany charge, turns in a list of eight subscriptions. His charge accepted for the benevolences thirty per cent more than last year, and a check for the entire amount has been sent to the Conference Treasurer. We believe that this is the first charge of the Louisiana Conference to report to us payment in full on the benevolences.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT PROHIBITION

Dear Mr. Editor: As there has been so much said and published concerning prohibition, criticising and fault-finding of it, I decided that I would say a few words in defense of prohibition. Some people seem to think that prohibition is dead and buried; but I am inclined to believe that an assertion like that is not true, and some day the people who think and talk that way will find it out. It has so often been said that prohibition was the cause of so much wickedness and crime that we are having to experience. Any one who talks that way has done and are doing a great injustice to the cause of prohibition. Sin and crime have been in the world ever since soon after the creation of the world. It was about fifteen hundred years from the creation until the flood, and there must have been thousands of people living at that time and they must have been exceedingly wicked, for they were all destroyed by the flood but eight people. So there must have been a very small per cent of good people living at that time, as there were so few saved. The Bible says that God sent the flood because of the wickedness of the people. Abraham pleaded with God to keep the city of Sodom from being destroyed, and God told him that if fifty righteous people could be found in the city of Sodom that he would not allow it to be destroyed. But that number could not be found, and God finally said that he would save the city of Sodom from being destroyed if ten righteous people could be found. But as small number as ten righteous people could not be found in the whole city of Sodom. So Sodom and Gomorroh was destroyed with brimstone and fire from the Lord; that is what the Bible says, and I feel sure that what the Bible says is true. In Old Testament times God would occasionally allow some great calamity to be sent on the people on account of their wickedness. I sincerely believe that sin and the last great war that was forced on us helped to put the world in the condition that it is in now. And some people seem to be full of the war spirit yet. I can very well remember what perilous times we had for a few years after the war between the States, which has been called the Civil War; and it was not such a monstrous thing as the last great world war. The American people will never forget General Sherman's definition of war. But poor old prohibition has had to bear the blame for the condition that our country is in now. But I feel sure that prohibition will continue to live after so much criticism and fault-finding has been heaped upon it, and prove to the world that prohibition is not near as dead as it was supposed to be. In a few years it will be proved that prohibition will be more alive than it has ever been. There is one thing that we know for sure, that prohibition has been and will continue to be defended and supported by some of the best Christian men and women that we have, and also by a great number of people who do not claim to be Christians but are staunch friends of prohibition. If prohibition, as some people seem to have thought and said, has been the cause of our condition here in America, what about other countries where they do not have and have never had prohibition? They are in about the same, or worse, condition that we are here in America; great crimes of all kinds are being committed fully as much and are just as heinous as we have here in America. The condition of other countries has exploded the theory that where there is an abundance of sin there will be an abundance of crime. Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin will destroy it.

Some of the great cities of the world have been completely and entirely destroyed and nations have been brought to destitution and great suffering on account of sin. It has so often been said that the prohibition law was not enforced and that it could not be enforced. Has any law that we know of ever been fully enforced all the time? The Ten Commandments, which is the purest and the best law that has ever been on record, is being violated every day and every Sunday by some one. Why should there have been so much said about the violation of the prohibition law when other laws were being violated all the time and but very little was ever said about it? Prohibition may not have been just what we would like to have seen it, but the fault was not in prohibition, but the fault was in the people for not doing what they should have done. Prohibition should have been given a better chance to show what it could do. But I guess some one will say that prohibition had about thirteen years to show what it could do, and in that time it ought to have done better than it did, and that it was the proper thing to do to have the Eighteenth Amendment repealed, and put an end to prohibition. The people are now beginning to see the difference between prohibition and the whiskey business, and later on they are going to see more than they would like to see. The whiskey business has been in operation in America about three hundred years. The first saloon in America was opened up in the city of Boston, in the state of Massachusetts, in 1625, and it has never made any improvement on itself. And the further it goes the worse it gets. After having been tried for about three hundred years, and is now worse than it has ever been, I don't think that it deserves another chance. It has already had much more time than prohibition has ever had.

It was said that whiskey would be handled different to what it used to be during old saloon days. What is the difference? Whiskey is whiskey just the same. It will make a person just as drunk if drank in or from a drug store or a cafe as it would to drink it in a dark dungeon. I consider the present whiskey business is much worse than the old time saloons of other days, because some people don't like to be forced to go to a place where whiskey is being sold to buy what they need and to get something to eat. About the only people who used to visit the old-time saloon were men who drank, but now some of the women visit the so-called modern, up-to-date saloons, smoke and drink just like the men. A few years ago but very few women would have done such a thing as to have worked in places where whiskey was sold, but now some of them will do it. It seems that some people have lost all respect and regard for sobriety and righteousness for the sake of the almighty dollar. The Apostle Paul did not make any mistake when he said that the love of money was the root of all evil. Some people have said the reason why the prohibition law was not respected and obeyed any better was because it was not a popular law with the people. I don't suppose that any law that is opposed to wrong-doing is a popular law with some people. I have always felt that it was just as much the duty of the people to have respected and obeyed the prohibition law as well as any other law because it was in the Constitution of the United States, and was just as legal as any other law. Some people seem to think that prohibition is the work of cranks and fanatics. If that is so, then we have millions of cranks and fanatics in America. Henry Ford and Thomas Edison have always been looked upon as being intelligent and level-headed men and they have always favored prohibition, and have expressed themselves fully and freely on the subject. Conditions are quite different now to what they were a few years ago, with the country full of automobiles, highways and saloons, back among us again, and whiskey being sold and drank like it is now, the public is being subjected to conditions much worse and more dangerous than in other days. When whiskey and gasoline is mixed it forms a combination that is extremely dangerous. It has so often been said that there was more drinking and drunkenness during prohibition days than there was during saloon days. Present conditions have already proved that is not true. According to man-made laws it has been made legal to sell intoxicants. But the Holy Bible, God's divine law, says that it is not right to sell something that will make drunkards out of people, ruin and wreck homes and cause poverty and starvation and the death of thousands of people.

One difference concerning the old saloons of other days and the present-day saloons is that the saloons of other days were more isolated and hidden from the public. You could have gone to a city without seeing one, but now they are so numerous and public you are liable to run up against one with your eyes closed. A city that used to have about thirty places where intoxicants were sold now has twice that number, or more. Is it not reasonable and sensible to believe that there will be more whiskey sold and drank now than there was during prohibition days? It was said that the present whiskey business would be controlled and regulated. You had just about as well undertake to control the wild animals that roam in the forest and keep them from devouring human beings as to undertake to control the whiskey business. It has never been done and never will be done. It is too wild to be tamed. It is a hard job to control people when they are full of whiskey. It was said that whiskey would not be sold on Sunday. I have seen drunk people on Sunday, and they were not all men, either. I am sure that they never got drunk on milk and water. A drunken driver can be arrested, tried in the courts, convicted and made to pay the penalty for the crime that he committed, but that won't bring the people back to life that he had killed. It was only occasionally that any one was hurt or killed by drunken drivers during prohibition days. But now, with our modern, up-to-date saloons, automobiles and highways, people are being killed almost every day. It is shocking to think about, and it will never get any better as long as whiskey is being sold and people drink it, but will get worse and worse all the time. Automobiles and drinking people don't belong together. It has been thoroughly demonstrated that women who drink are just about as dangerous as men who drink. But it seems that a certain per cent of our people are living at ease in Zion, and don't seem to be at all alarmed or disturbed on account of the condition that the world is in. I don't think that Christian people should allow the members of their churches, and especially their official members, to sell anything that is intoxicating. If allowed to do so, it would look as though the church was not opposed to the whiskey business. The Methodist Church has a law against the liquor traffic. If the law is being violated it should be enforced. What is the use of having a law if it is not being enforced? There should be a difference shown between the world and the church; if not, we need not expect God to honor the church with his divine presence. The church is supposed to stand for what is pure and holy. Christ went into the temple in the city of Jerusalem and drove the people out for what they were doing, and I don't suppose that they were doing any worse than some of our church people are doing now. When Mr. Wesley and his followers began to hold religious services in England at different places they were criticized and persecuted by some of the clergy and members of the Church of England and were looked upon as being cranks and fanatics. But God was in the movement and it prospered, and when God is in a movement it will always succeed. The church has got a hard, big fight on now, but God is our Captain; if we will obey his orders we will come out victorious. The ministers of the gospel are to be the leaders and the church should follow. David Lloyd George, of England, paid a warm, high tribute to the clergy; he said that the world was in the jungle and that the nations were snarling their teeth at each other, and at any moment they were liable to spring at each others' throats, and when the chariot of humanity got stuck, like it is now, nothing will lift it out but great preaching that goes straight to the mind and the heart. It is very significant that a man like Lloyd George, who has seen much of the world and has had a long career of statesmanship, looks on the clergy as being the most powerful force for good during these awful troublesome times. When the ministers and the Christian people unite their forces and work together, by the help of the good Lord they can accomplish anything that they undertake to do.

Ruston, La. H. J. BOLTZ.

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Christian churches in Manchuria are really union churches, in fact if not in name, for they are composed of Christians of all denominations. Rev. Charles S. Deming, missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the only American Methodist missionary at work in Manchuria, reports that in North Manchuria the groups of Christians are called "Methodists," while in South Manchuria they are known as "Presbyterians."

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Miss Virgie Fore sends a list of six renewals from Natchez, for which we are duly grateful.

Rev. L. F. Alford has made a good beginning at Gallman. He and his people are happy and at work.

Rev. J. B. Holyfield is in high favor at Summit and Topisaw, and his work is making substantial progress.

Mrs. C. G. Langford, Lena, places us in her debt for a renewal of her subscription and for other tokens of her good will.

Dr. C. W. Crisler is leading his people in a campaign to pay off the indebtedness against their beautiful church building at Hazlehurst.

Reports at a recent quarterly conference for Utica charge indicate that Rev. E. L. Leadbetter is doing an effective work in that pastorate.

Miss Ariel Stewart, of Biloxi, renews her subscription to the Advocate and adds to that mark of interest her word of appreciation for the paper.

Rev. J. E. Williams, pastor at Brandon, sends a list of subscriptions and adds the assurance that another list of new and renewal subscriptions will follow soon.

Rev. V. G. Clifford, Quitman, is getting out an attractive weekly calendar for his church and it reveals a devotion of pastor and people to the program of the church.

Rev. R. H. Clegg, presiding elder of the Brookhaven District, reports that late returns from the Bishops' Crusade indicate a total contribution of $1,500 for that District.

Rev. J. H. Morrow, pastor, Madison-Pocahontas charge, writes that he is confident of securing his Advocate quota and that he is making progress in his work. He is very happy in that field.

Mrs. A. L. Brothers, of the City Mission Board, Meridian, strikes a responsive chord in our hearts by her generous word concerning the Advocate. Sister Brothers is a daughter of Rev. Isaac L. Peebles of sainted memory.

Rev. W. T. Mangum, of Millsaps College, is anxious to serve in revival meetings this summer, either as preacher or song leader. He is recommended by Rev. I. H. Sells, and he can be reached at Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.

Rev. E. W. Ulmer announces a county-wide Young People's Revival for Leake County, beginning May 24, and closing May 31. The preaching will be done by Brother Ulmer himself and the singing will be led by Harry Cameron.

Tylertown charge is making real progress under the leadership of Rev. Ira E. Williams. Salaries have been increased and every feature of the program of the church is being cared for. Brother Williams is in high favor with his people.

The presiding elder reports that Rev. L. L. Roberts is doing an outstanding work on Prentiss charge, where he has built a new church, made an addition to another, and has sent one-half of his benevolences to the Conference Treasurer.

Rev. H. Mellard reports a gracious revival in progress at Kreole, with several additions and more to follow. Brother Mellard is being assisted by Rev. C. Fenwick Reed and his wife, and is much pleased with the services being rendered.

Rev. W. B. Alsworth, presiding elder, writes that the Advocate campaign for Hattiesburg District begins on May 15 and will close on June 15. When the Advocate campaign is finished, the pastors and their families will have a picnic at Ellisville, July 1.

The contribution of Vicksburg District in the Bishops' Crusade totals $1,354, according to the report of Brother Gatlin, the presiding elder. We have not had a complete report, but we are sure that the constituency of this paper bore a worthy part in the achievements of the Crusade.

Mrs. Will Fulton of Philadelphia, a devoted friend of the Advocate, remembered her mother, Mrs. Missouri Lake, Route 1, Preston, Miss., with the Advocate as a Mother's Day gift. We are glad for the paper to become the bearer of messages to those whom our friends wish to honor.

We regret to learn of the passing of Mrs. A. B. Renfroe, of Meridian. She was the only sister of Mrs. C. M. Martin, whose sorrow will be shared by many friends who knew and love her for her splendid devotion to every good work, and especially to East End Church, Meridian.

Mr. W. T. Gerald, of Moselle, missed the Advocate which carried the article on the Christian Home by a Whitworth College student and he wrote to the office for a copy to be sent him. We are always glad to know the interest of our friends in any article that we publish, and we want every subscriber to have every issue of the paper.

The passing of Mr. S. L. North on April 4 and the death of his sister, Mrs. Mary North Wilson on May 4, took from the Yazoo City Methodist church two of its most faithful members. Both had been members of the church there for considerably more than a quarter of a century and both had been regular in their attendance upon its services. Brother North for about twenty years was superintendent of the Sunday School, and after his retirement from that position he became a member of the board of stewards, in which office he continued until his death. Mrs. Wilson had been active in the Sunday School and Missionary Society and at the beginning of her final illness was superintendent of study. They are survived by all the brothers and sisters of their family and other relatives, theirs being the first deaths in a large family. One of the sisters is Mrs. Ida Newsom, of Amite, La., widow of the late Rev. James A. Newsom of the Mississippi Conference. They leave a great host of sorrowing friends.

ATTENTION, PASTORS MERIDIAN DISTRICT

Our campaign for new and renewal subscriptions to the New Orleans Christian Advocate has started. The closing date in our District is June 12. We want to reach our minimum quota of 400 subscriptions by that date and secure the $140 award in time to give [illegible] to each of the eight mission pastors in the District in time to aid them in attending the Pastors' School, June 22.

The District has been divided into five zones, as follows:

Zone 1. Rev. C. C. Clark, Captain—Philadelphia, Philadelphia Circuit, Cleveland, Union, Burnside.

Zone 2. Rev. Murray Cox, Captain—DeKalb, Scooba, Porterville, Daleville, Lauderdale and Electric Mills.

Zone 3. Dr. Joseph A. Smith, Captain—Central Meridian, Fifth Street, East End, Hawkins Memorial, Wesley, Poplar Springs, Vimville, Chunky.

Zone 4. Rev. M. K. Miller, Captain; P. L. Blackwell, Associate—Newton, Decatur and Hickory, Rose Hill.

Zone 5. Rev. V. G. Clifford, Captain—Quitman, Enterprise and Stonewall, De Soto, Pachuta.

The charge quotas are figured on a basis of one for every twenty-five members and will be furnished each pastor already worked out by his zone captain. All subscriptions must be sent in by the pastor or his authorized representative in order to count in the campaign.

Our people need the Advocate. It is our official newspaper. The more readers it has the more effectively it can serve the church. The subscription price is reasonable ($1.50). The editor is one of our strongest and best men and the equal in ability to any editor in our connection. Therefore, the only logical and loyal thing we can do is put it in as many of the homes of our people as possible.

Pastors and people of the Meridian District, the campaign is on. We can raise our quota if we really try hard enough. Let's go!

VICTOR G. CLIFFORD,
District Director.

RICHTON CHARGE

Dear Dr. Duren: We appreciate the work you are doing on the Advocate. It is a good paper and getting better all the time. I like it for its many features but look forward to the news from the other brethren of the Mississippi Conference most of all. So I'd better do my bit by saying a few nice things about the Richton charge that may be of interest to my brethren.

I am serving my second year on this charge. My people are among the best I have ever known. The official board is capable and loyal to a man. The women are enthusiastic and untiring.

Our finances are all up-to-date. The Specials have all been taken as were ordered, except two, and dates have been set for them later when our calendar is not quite so crowded.

We have repaired our Richton church $1,500 worth and it's all paid. These improvements included new pews, new lights, new furnace and redecorating auditorium. Four pianos have been worked over and tuned.

Our revival meeting at Richton is set for May 26 to June 4. Brother Van Landrum will do the preaching and Brother O. H. Scott will lead the singing. Every effort is being made to make this revival what it ought to be. Pray for us.

The Richton charge accepted raises on the benevolences and presiding elders' salaries. I feel sure the pastor will come in for a little boost before it's all over. Sure, we're going to pay everything in full by Annual Conference.

We have loyal churches at Ovett and Ayera. The pastor plans to hold his own meetings at each of these places.

The District Conference meets with us again next year. The editor has this advance invitation.

Sincerely,
L. D. HAUGHTON, Pastor.

BISHOPS' CRUSADE, EPWORTH-WESLEY CHARGE

A consecrated Chinese Christian gave to Bishop Arthur J. Moore the most treasured article of his life—his own wedding ring—that Bishop Moore might bring it as a gift to the Mother Church as a token of appreciation for what Methodism has meant to China. In January I sat in at the great missionary meeting in New Orleans and heard Bishop Moore say as he held high the ring, "My lady friends of wealth, your diamonds do not glitter nearly so brightly as this." Of course, he was thinking of a devoted Christian who had lost himself in sacrificial giving.

And during the Bishops' Crusade we

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The third quarterly issue of THE UPPER ROOM—for use during July, August, and September—contains exceptionally fine devotional material, prepared by a group of the best religious writers. The cover is a reproduction of Anton Dietrich's "Christ Stilling the Tempest." We believe this issue an improvement over any previously produced. It is certainly worth many times the price of 5 cents. Your pastor will have it on sale about June 1.

The second quarterly issue of THE UPPER ROOM was used in 750,000 American homes. Every one of these family groups should secure the July, August, September issue as soon as available, especially those who will be leaving soon for their summer residences or camps. SURELY THE UPPER ROOM IS NEEDED AS A DEVOTIONAL GUIDE DURING THE VACATION MONTHS. Buy from your pastor or group leader at 5 cents per copy, or send 10 cents and a copy will be mailed direct to you, postpaid. Individual, yearly subscriptions, 30 cents, postpaid; foreign, 40 cents.

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. W. L. Robinson, Hernando, sends us four subscriptions more than the quota for his charge, and five are new subscriptions. With his list, he sends the message: "It gives me a lot of pleasure to send you these subscriptions. I hope to be able to send you more later. This is more than our quota, but we like to do more than is required of us."

The Orphanage collection at Crawford church amounted to $32, according to the report of Rev. W. M. Hester, the pastor.

Sallis Church has a Vacation Church School in progress with an enrollment of thirty children. Rev. E. F. Tucker is the pastor.

Rev. W. W. Milligan, writing about another matter, says that he hopes to send soon a good list of subscriptions from Marks charge.

Rev. T. M. Bradley, Holly Springs, has our thanks for substantial evidence of his loyalty to the Advocate—a list of ten subscriptions.

Rev. E. Nash Broyles, First Church, Columbus, had raised $453 for the Bishops' Crusade at last accounts and was still hoping to reach his goal of $500.

Columbus, First Church, raised $700 on its building debt recently, and Dr. Broyles is making steady progress toward the final liquidation of the obligation.

During the past year Brooksville has paid a total of $2,000 on the church debt. Brother Neblett and his people are to be congratulated on this splendid progress.

Rev. W. S. McAlilly reports the doubling of the benevolence assumption over last year for Louisville circuit, and one-half of the amount was paid by District Conference.

The Greenville District Conference will be held at Boyle this week. Dr. J. R. Countiss, presiding elder, has issued a neat and carefully prepared agenda for the session.

Rev. J. S. Maxey is about to mature plans for the launching of a new building for the congregation at Flower Ridge, a live country church made up of substantial people.

Methodist speakers at the Winona Lake Bible Conference this year will include Dr. Merton S. Rice, of Detroit, and Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of the M. E. Church, South.

Macon church, under the capable direction of Rev. J. W. Robertson, has paid $1,250 on its debt this year and has a prayer meeting with an average attendance of sixty.

Rev. W. L. Robinson, pastor at Hernando, is in great favor in his new charge and is doing effective work in every detail of his task. He is now engaged in the Advocate campaign.

Rev. G. C. Gregory reports progress at Pickens and Goodman. Since Conference $700 has been expended on repairing the church at Pickens and $400 has been raised on the debt at Goodman.

Rev. R. A. Clark brought "a great Mother's Day message" at Kosciusko, says Rev. L. P. Wasson, the presiding elder. Brother Clark, now of the Memphis Conference, was reared at Kosciusko, and is much beloved in that section.

Recent improvements made on the Columbus District parsonage amount to $1,000, and in that achievement Rev. L. P. Wasson, the presiding elder, is entitled to credit for more than mere leadership.

Rev. A. P. Stephens, Kosciusko, is busy in his evangelistic work. He has all his time engaged until September. In twenty-one meetings last year, one hundred and fifty members were added on profession of faith.

Rev. J. H. Holder, pastor at West Point, has received 32 members since last Annual Conference. In addition to membership progress, the church is paying the interest and $2,000 a year on the building debt.

Louisville, under the capable leadership of Rev. E. R. Smoot, has reroofed and repainted the parsonage and is now redecorating the interior of the church building. Since November the membership of the Missionary Society has increased from 90 to 115.

Prof. J. P. Evans, of State College, is undertaking a strong program for the Conference of Rural Pastors and Leaders, June 14-17. This is the second year that such a Conference has been undertaken at State College, and the outlook is said to be particularly encouraging.

Rev. H. P. Lewis, of Charleston, reports that Rev. Jeff Cunningham did very satisfactory service in the revival meeting at that place recently. The interest of the church was deepened and eight new members were added. The offering for the Bishops' Crusade was $100.

Rev. T. J. Hopper, a superannuate member of the North Mississippi Conference living at Rienzi, expresses the wish that his brethren might give more news items in the Advocate, which he describes as being like a weekly letter from the Methodist Church to his family.

Rev. S. M. Butts, Conference evangelist, held a very successful meeting at Dubbs recently. Two large classes were received into the church. Brother Butts says that he still has some open dates in May, June and July, and any one desiring his assistance may write him at Mathiston.

Dr. C. M. Chapman, pastor at Pontotoc, recently gave a check for five dollars to be used in continuing the Advocate to those who find it impossible to continue their subscriptions. We appreciate this thoughtfulness on the part of Dr. Chapman and we will try to see that it makes glad as many hearts as possible.

Five months ago the new church building at Artesia burned on the very morning that it was to be dedicated. Brother W. R. Crouch and his people refused to be discouraged by the calamity and now their newer church building is nearing completion. It is designed to serve adequately the needs of that congregation for many years to come, and it is going to be a gem. The Baptists of Artesia have done a noble part in sharing their house with our people during the past eight months.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Aberdeen District Conference convened in Water Valley, First Church, on Thursday, May 6. Dr. W. P. Burkman, our presiding elder, presided over the Conference with his usual grace, courtesy and dignity. Business was dispatched rapidly, but not with haste, and a spirit of optimism prevailed throughout the Conference.

The Conference was honored with the presence of Dr. D. M. Key, of Millsaps College; Rev. J. M. Bradley, of Grenada College; Dr. J. G. Snelling, of the Memorial Mercy Home in New Orleans; Dr. Robert W. Goodloe, of the Southern Methodist University; Dr. W. L. Duren, editor of the Advocate; Dr. Henry T. Wheeler, from the Belgian Congo Mission in Africa; Rev. T. B. Thrower, Conference Director of Golden Cross, and Mr. S. V. Wall, of Cleveland.

The cause of Christian Education was represented by Rev. Roy Grisham, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Christian Education; Rev. J. A. Stevens, president of the Conference Board of Christian Education; Rev. J. A. George, District director of the Adult Division, and Miss Mary Jane Roberts, District director of the Children's Division.

Those visiting the Conference from other districts were Rev. C. T. Floyd, presiding elder of the Sardis District; Rev. R. E. Wasson, pastor at Abbeville; Rev. W. R. Lott, pastor at Oxford; Rev. W. W. Milligan, pastor at Marks, and

Rev. C. A. Parks, pastor at Grenada.

Two worthy young men, James Farrar Elliott and Benjamin Haul Alexander, were granted license to preach.

According to the reports of the pastors the work of the District is far in advance of this time last year. Payment on benevolences is considerably greater than last year at this date. The Aberdeen District is again leading the entire Conference in early payment on benevolences. Pastors' salaries and all other matters of finance show quite an increase. With much interest we note that the number received into the church to date is fifty per cent greater than the corresponding date last year. With this splendid start the Aberdeen District is expecting to be on the top round at Annual Conference.

It was a rare treat to the Conference to have Dr. Robert W. Goodloe, of the Southern Methodist University, to bring to us such inspiring and helpful lectures on the Bible. We shall not soon forget his visit.

The following were elected as lay delegates to the Annual Conference: C. C. Bennett, W. L. Elkin, Wayne Floyd, Miss Bettie Bailey, Mrs. E. D. Gilmore, Mrs. H. F. Brooks, F. E. Collins, E. W. Henley, Dr. E. K. Guinn, Mrs. E. L. Jernigan, L. E. Addington, J. G. McGowan, J. H. Tabb, N. V. Lyle, A. R. Wiygul, Mrs. J. B. McCullough, Mrs. S. A. Gregory, Sam V. Dottery, G. C. Robinson and R. W. Flynt.

The following alternate delegates were elected: J. B. Parker, Z. A. Bullard, Mrs. J. W. Winter, Dr. E. F. Arnold, Geo. F. Maynard and Mrs. Milton Davis.

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Dorsey, the entertainment committee, and all the Methodists of Water Valley were on the job, and every provision was made for our comfort, convenience and happiness while their guests. We had a good Conference which we shall long remember.

The 1938 session of the Conference will meet in Houlka.

W. M. JONES, Secretary.

CONFERENCE ON THE RURAL CHURCH, MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE

With definite acceptances coming in from most of the speakers scheduled to lead the second annual Rural Church Conference here during June 14-17, a final program is rapidly shaping up, according to Mr. J. F. Evans, local conference director.

Following the welcome address on June 14 to the rural ministers by Mr. G. D. Humphrey, president of Mississippi State College, Dr. G. S. Dobbins, of Louisville, Ky., will deliver the keynote speech of the conference: "Rebuilding the Rural Church Program to Meet the Needs of a Changing Economic and Social Situation."

Dr. R. B. Eleazer, Atlanta, Ga., will open the program Tuesday morning with a talk on "How to Make a Social and Religious Survey of the Rural Community." Presenting one of the most important problems of the conference, Mr. W. B. Hollingsworth, Johns, Miss., will talk on "How We Can Finance a Rural Church Program." "The Problem of Tenancy in Mississippi" will be discussed by Mr. C. O. Henderson. Dr. A. W. Martin, Forest City, Ark., will then speak on a "Program of Christian Education for the Rural Community."

Wednesday morning, Dr. Eleazer, Mr. Henderson, and Dr. Martin will continue their discussions begun on Monday, and Dr. B. L. Coulter, Columbus, Miss., is scheduled to present the highly important subject, "Delinquency and Crime."

Additional speakers have been secured for Thursday morning:— Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, or his representative, and Dr. Hugh L. Gillespie. They will speak respectively on "Law Enforcement" and "The Christian Home." After dinner Mr. C. E. Cain will discuss "What Can We do to Help the Negro?"

The evening speakers are Dr. G. S. Dobbins, Tuesday; Mr. Chester Swor, "How to Organize and Promote a Young People's Revival." Wednesday, Thursday, doubtful.

A singing and musical program and inspection of college departments Tuesday, an automobile tour of the college farm Wednesday, and a conference barbecue and picnic Thursday will furnish recreation and amusement for the visiting pastors.

J. F. EVANS.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The District Conference of Columbus District convened with Columbus Church on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4 and 5, with Rev. L. P. Wasson, presiding elder, in the chair. Every pastor in the District was present except Brother E. M. Allen, Chester charge, who was kept away by illness. The reports given by these pastors were very encouraging and showed a marked increase over the progress made by this time last year. The Conference enjoyed a series of lectures given by Dr. Goodloe, of Southern Methodist University, Dallas Texas. We also had as appreciated visitors, Dr. D. M. Key, president of Millsaps College; Dr. J. Lloyd Decell, pastor of Galloway Memorial Church, Jackson, and Dr. W. L. Duren, editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate. The several directors of special lines of work in the Conference were present and gave splendid reports of their work. Dr. Wasson, in his genial and efficient manner, directed the business of the Conference through on schedule time and adjourned on Wednesday afternoon. We went away feeling that it had been good to be here with Dr. Broyles and his good people of First Church and that we were spiritually strengthened by the fellowship and association of the brethren.

W. S. McALILLY, Secretary.

AGAINST LIQUOR REVENUES

Editor of The Commercial Appeal,
Memphis, Tenn.

My Dear Sir: In your editorial of May 12 I notice your urgent appeal to the tax-payers of Tennessee to protect themselves against higher taxes by taxing the liquor business, as though that would bring money to the State at no cost to the tax-payer. Please let me ask, Who would pay this money? Would Wall Street pay it? Would the politicians pay it? Would the wet press pay it? Would the liquor dealer pay it? No, No, I think not. The hungry, ragged little children whose dads leave their pay-check at the saloon would pay it. Don't you think they are paying enough already? Then the State would pay the extra crime bill. I am opposed to any tax on liquor, legal or illegal. I do not believe the fine citizenship of your great State are willing for the education of their children or the care of their old people to depend upon added burdens to underprivileged children, the increase of vice and crime, or the corruption of any citizen of the State.

It seems to me that the Commercial Appeal is more concerned to increase the consumption of liquor than for education or social security, or else you have a very bad opinion of the effectiveness of your columns as an advertising medium.

You call the bootlegger bad, ugly names. He does not advertise in the papers. What do you think of the bootlegger of liquor advertising into dry territory? Does that remind you of the old story of the "Pot and the Kettle?" or that other story about Cash and Character?

Much abuse has been heaped upon the head of the "blind-tiger," and I would like very much to do away with him, but do you not think it safer to keep him on the run and in the thicket rather than dress him up and bring him on the front street or the front yard where our children play?

Is it not your judgment that the respectability given the liquor business by the endorsement of the Democratic Party and the President has greatly increased liquor drinking even in legally dry territory? To say that public approval of the liquor business and taking it into partnership with the State by legalization and taxation, and to allow high-powered advertising of its wares would not increase drinking and drunkenness with all the consequent evils is to defy reason and all laws of psychology and experience. None are so blind as those who are well paid not to see. Many sharp things have been said about the blind fanaticism of ministers and other prohibition leaders. But the ministers have at least this virtue: they are not blinded by cash considerations or by selfish motives. From that consideration it would be more profitable to join the wet crusade or at least to keep silent, and stop their ears and close their eyes

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Christian Education

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, MAY 23

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

THE WEAKNESS OF ESAU

Not all men are strong or great, but all may be noble and interesting. A like heredity and environment could not make Esau and Jacob alike. Personality is an unpredictable factor in every family of children. It is not well that they should be forced into the same mold. Differences should be recognized and used to advantage. This will redound to the development of the child, the peace of the home, and the good of society. The hunter and the herdsman should each have found fraternal satisfaction in the interests and exploits of the other, and thus have complemented each other to the improvement of both personalities. They should have engaged in cooperation instead of competition. The home-loving man and the man of the great open places can each learn much from the other. Both are essential to a well-ordered society.

Esau lived for the material and for the present. Today was bigger for him than all the tomorrows, and physical needs than all spiritual values. If his body was fed, his soul could starve. He suffered from lack of the far-vision. The benefits of his birthright were dim and distant; the feeling of hunger was immediate and pressing. For the pleasure of an hour he bartered the joy of a lifetime. Jacob had faults, grievous and glaring, mean and selfish, but he possessed a transforming appreciation of the spiritual, a desire to transmit the family heritage to posterity as is shown by his partiality to Joseph, the noblest of his sons. While he took a mean advantage of Esau, there is little doubt that he made far better use of the birthright and blessing than the latter would have done.

The world still honors the marital fidelity of Isaac and Rebekah, but they should have made a better job of rearing their sons. Parenthood is never to be considered a side-line, but a full time job for both father and mother. Great men are not always great fathers. David was a great king, but a failure as a father, for all that he was the progenitor of Solomon. Motherly counsel and affection on the part of Rebekah could have done much to redeem the weakness of Esau. She could have given him a deeper love for home, have taught him patience, and have given him an appreciation for the finer ideals of the tribe. He needed the touch of the mother, as Jacob needed that of the father, and both suffered through life for lack of that attention.

It is too late for any of us to do anything about faulty heredity, too late for many of us to remedy parental neglect, but all of us may do much to overcome our weakness. Frank recognition and courageous facing of it come first. Lacking other indications, we may take our dislikes as sufficient evidence of weakness. We always like to do what we believe we do well, and so readily strengthen ourselves at our stronger points. The timid and retiring should cultivate social life; the reticent should force themselves to talk; the home-lover should seek the out-of-doors; the book-lover should do active work; the devotee of the business office should take recreation; the pleasure-loving should tie themselves to business for proper hours; those absorbed in material things should take time for meditation and for worship. By some such methods we may become well-rounded personalities and find in life unceasing joy. Esau the hunter and Jacob the herdsman need each other. After all, they are brothers.

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USES DOG AS ERRAND BOY

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There have been occasions through the day when Mrs. Sullivan needed some little article from the drugstore. She would write a note, place it in a paper bag and Rex would take it to the store and bring home the article wanted.—Our Dumb Animals.

KITTY CATCHES BURGLARS

Several months ago a skinny, emaciated brown cat wandered into the Davidson Coal and Feed Company, in Decatur, Ala., and without so much as a "May I?" took up residence there. The proprietor felt little need for a cat, but, being a kind man, not only permitted Kitty to remain but, with generous feedings, proceeded to fatten him up.

One day recently, the proprietor noticed the cat, now sleek and fat, gazing intently at the ceiling in the rear of the store. After watching the cat's unwavering gaze for a few minutes, he went outside to investigate, and, lo and behold, discovered two men on the roof spying into the store through a crack in the roof. The police were quietly summoned and the would-be burglars delivered into their charge.

Mr. Davidson, the owner of the store, remarked that Kitty had his rent paid up for a long, long time to come.—Our Dumb Animals.

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THE PARADE

Tommy usually did the errands, but this time it was something he was not big enough to be trusted with. Mrs. May had to go on the errand herself. She had to hurry.

"I'll be back in on time, dear, and you mustn't leave baby for a minute. She is getting so strong I'm afraid to leave her alone."

"All right, Mother, I'll watch her," and Tommy planted himself before Emily's high chair. She immediately proceeded to pound him with her fat hands and to pull his hair, squealing with delight.

He was so busy playing with his little sister that he did not notice at first the crowds of people hurrying down the street. When he did happen to look, he wondered for a moment what was the matter.

"Hi, Tommy, come on!" yelled Jo Bates, his chum, seeing Tommy at the window. "It's coming now—right past the corner!"

Then Tommy knew it was the big circus parade.

Men, women, and children rushed by. Oh, why didn't Mother come!

Perhaps he could leave Emily to run down for just a look at the elephants, or the ponies. She wasn't wriggling now, and besides, she looked sleepy. He put a toy in her hand, ran out of the door and down the walk. But at the street he stopped. Suppose something should happen to Emily! He had promised Mother not to leave her. Suppose something had happened. Tommy felt queer inside to think of such a thing.

Faster than he came out, he ran back, and there was Emily standing up in her high chair! The baby who had never pulled herself up before. What if he had gone to the corner, and the baby had fallen on the floor? How glad he was that he came back in time!

With little Emily safe in his arms, Tommy couldn't help thinking of the glorious parade he was missing—the camels and elephants, the funny clowns, the beautiful ladies on horseback or riding in wonderful carriages. Just then he heard music.

"It's nearly passed now—boys don't cry," he told himself manfully. In rushed Mother, all out of breath. In a twinkling she had the baby out of Tommy's arms.

"Run, dear, run, two squares up! It's going round that way!"

From the very front of the crowded sidewalk Tommy saw it all—the red and gold chariots, the ponies, driven four abreast, the lion in his gorgeous cage, the clown, who came so near Tommy could have touched him!

He and Mother had much to talk about, for she had seen the parade.

"It blocked the street, son, and I couldn't get home. Yes, it was a fine parade, but I kept thinking of a certain little boy who was missing it all."

Then Tommy had to tell how he had nearly run away from the baby and broken his promise. "I only started, though, and came right back."

And Mother said to know that she could trust her boy was better for her than to see a dozen parades.—Clara Odell Lyon, in Storytime.

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Methodist Women

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
1574 Jefferson Avenue, New Orleans, La.

The appointments of deaconesses to serve St. Mark's Community Center were announced at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions recently. There will be (with the exception of one) an entire new staff of workers at this institution. The staff for 1937-38 will be as follows: Deaconesses Mary Lou Barnwell, Julia Southard, Julia Lovin and Hazel Bulifant. Mr. Fred Rogers, who graduates in June from Woffard College, will be the boys' worker. Miss Barnwell, who will serve as head resident, comes from Tampa. Miss Hazel Bulifant is a graduate nurse.

Deaconess Verna Webster, who has served for three years at St. Mark's, has been appointed to Cedar Grove Church, Shreveport. Deaconess Julia Sargent, who has been at St. Mark's for the past two years, is taking a "permanent appointment." Her engagement to Dr. Henry Bullock, of Millsaps College, was announced recently. Deaconess Margaret Young, head resident, will take a year's leave of absence for study. All appointments become effective in September.

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Commencement exercises of the MacDonell French Mission School will begin Sunday, May 23, at 10:45 a. m., with the delivery of the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Dana Dawson, of Shreveport. This service will be held in the First Methodist Church of Houma.

Graduation exercises will be held Wednesday, May 26, at 8 p. m., on the MacDonell School campus, with Mrs. J. W. Downs, of Nashville, as the speaker. The public is invited to attend all exercises. The following will graduate: Patrick Lampard, Nettie Thibodeaux, Lydia Blanchard, Inez Vicknair, Harry Barrios, Bertha Martin.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

The Sardis-Grenada District secretary admonishes her constituency to be careful of certain points on the Program of Work. Perhaps other auxiliaries can use her admonitions with profit.

Please check your Efficiency Aim each month.

Please do not get behind with your finances and work.

Begin now to make plans to send your superintendent of Mission and Bible Study to Grenada College for the training school, May 31-June 14.

Our coaching days are to be held at Hernando on June 15 and at Charleston on June 18. Each begins at 9:30 a. m. Be sure to come to one of these places and bring all of your members. Each one who comes is to bring one dish of good things to eat.

Your auxiliary has been assigned one-third of your membership for subscriptions for the World Outlook for the year, together with the renewal of every expiring subscription. I suggest that you take out of your local funds $5 or $6 and use it for subscriptions for the World Outlook. It would be a suitable thing to give these subscriptions to the following: To some one who is not able to subscribe to it; to the public library; to the primary and junior departments of your Church School; to the Negro public school; to a Negro missionary society; to a Negro Church School.

Begin now to add to your Life Membership fund. Send a short sketch and picture of all Life Members to our Conference chairman of Life Members, Mrs. R. A. Tucker, Aberdeen.

We are very eager that the young women assist in the promotion of Scarritt Associate Memberships. Please send all funds to our Conference chairman of Scarritt Associates, Mrs. W. J. Cunningham, Ripley, Miss.

May I stress that the secretary of Children's Work and the members of the Missionary Society urge the observance of the Fourth Sunday in the Church School as Missionary Sunday and insist that all funds collected on that day be sent to Rev. R. A. Grisham, Grenada, Miss.

May we cooperate with Council in forming Spiritual Life Groups for the deepening of the religious life of the auxiliary, the church, and the community.

May each auxiliary member seek to deepen her own spiritual life by: (a) Engaging in daily prayer and meditation, (b) Studying the Bible and other helpful books, (c) Observing the quiet hour.

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The regular monthly business meeting of the Oakland auxiliary met in the Methodist church Monday afternoon, with Mrs. T. G. Wells, the president, presiding. Mrs. Long presided at the piano. Mrs. Donaldson and Mrs. C. V. Landreth gave the financial reports. Mrs. Long gave interesting points on the Mission Study, which is to be taken up next Monday.

In the absence of Mrs. P. S. Bailey, Sr., Mrs. P. S. Bailey, Jr., presided over the program. The society felt honored and very much delighted that she could be present. Mrs. Walter Moore, Mrs. Clide Landreth, and Mrs. Donaldson gave interesting papers on different views of Christian missions and evangelistic work.

Mrs. Lionel Lester, delegate to Annual Conference at Aberdeen, proved by her wonderful message that she was a worthy representative. One of the challenging thoughts that she brought to the auxiliary was, "So many people have plenty to live on, but nothing to live for."

Mrs. K. I. Tucker is progressing with plans for the Daily Vacation Bible School.

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to the human misery caused by drink.

I have been a reader of the Commercial Appeal for many years and it has been a great builder of citizenship and the public welfare, especially in the days of the great C. P. J. Mooney. I fear the dear old organ of the South has backslid a bit. A lot of us loyal readers would like to welcome her back to the Father's House. And blessings on you.

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Columbus District,

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Dear Dr. Duren: I am today sending in a check for $22.50 which completes our offering for the Bishops' Crusade and makes a total of $110.20 from the Sunflower charge, having sent in last week $87.70.

We observed the program as was outlined by our Bishops and we feel that the Crusade has been a great blessing to our entire charge. The offering does not adequately express the blessing we received from the effort put forth in the Crusade.

Hoping to see you at our District Conference next week, I am,

J. O. DOWDLE.

DR. EDWIN LEWIS ON MISSIONS

Dr. Edwin Lewis, Professor in Drew University and author of the notable "A Christian Manifesto," as well as other outstanding works of a scholarly nature, has spent a year visiting various mission fields and lecturing before colleges and other groups in Japan, Korea, China, Malaya, Burmah and India. In a personal letter to Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Professor Lewis says:

"It has been an informing experience. Of one thing at least I have become convinced or rather more convinced, namely, that unless missions are kept vitally evangelistic, they will accomplish nothing of lasting value. The missionaries whose work has most impressed me have been those who still believe that they were sent to 'preach the Gospel' and 'win souls for Christ.' Somebody has got to tell the Church at home a different story from that of Re-thinking Missions."

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In Memoriam

REV. WILLIAM JOSEPHUS WOOD (1862-1937)

By W. R. Lott

William Josephus Wood, son of William Josephus Wood and Sarah Elizabeth Jernigan, was born on May 22, 1862, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in the community of the Palestine Methodist church, a few miles southwest of the town of Pontotoc. It was at this church, during a revival meeting in 1885, that he was converted and joined the Methodist Church. He was then 23 years of age. Up to that time, he had lived the life of an average boy on the farm. He went to the community school and, as a youth, taught in a country school. He married Susie D. Purvine in 1885.

These two young people began their married life together on the farm. However, the call to preach was so strong that his efforts at farming were only half-hearted. He said, "I could not succeed at farming, for God had called me to do something else." He answered this call to preach on July 11, 1903, when he was licensed in Pontotoc, Miss. He really gave his life entirely into the hands of God, and became one of our most consecrated ministers.

In 1906-07, he served as a supply on the Water Valley Circuit, and also as supply on the Paris Circuit in 1908-09-10. In December, 1910, he was admitted on trial in the North Mississippi Conference when it met at Sardis. In 1912, when the Conference met at Greenwood, he was admitted into full connection. Bishop Morrison had ordained him as a local deacon in 1908, and he also had the privilege of ordaining him an elder in 1912. On being admitted on trial, he was returned to the Paris Circuit one year and then served at Potts Camp in 1911; 1912-13-14, Sweatman Circuit; 1915-16-17-18, Winona Circuit; 1919-20, Duck Hill; 1921-22-23, Oakland; 1924-25-26, Dublin and Mattson; 1927-28-29, Holcomb; 1930-31, Belmont; 1932-33-34-35, Booneville Circuit, and Corinth Southside in 1936. In all, he served thirty-one years in the itineracy.

These chronological facts concerning a Methodist preacher cannot reveal the real life of such a servant of God. He was in a genuine sense a pastor-evangelist. His love for his people and for the church was an absorbing affection. He was wholly given to the One Work. He made up by diligence and devoted consecration what he missed in training through circumstances of life. He embraced full salvation with all his heart, and preached the full Gospel as he believed it. He was a wise, devoted pastor, diligent in personal work and fervent in his preaching.

Brother Wood loved the brotherhood of the ministry more than any other society. He never tired of the joyous association with his brethren. This type of life made a profound impression on his immediate family and an ever widening circle of acquaintances.

During his pastorate on the Booneville Circuit his health began to fail. It was thought then that he might not be able to continue much longer in the active work. However, he regained his strength and had entered into his work at Corinth Southside with his accustomed devotion, but his strength failed, and on March 18 he was suddenly stricken with what proved to be a fatal illness. His family hurried to his bedside and were all there when he died, triumphantly, in the parsonage at Corinth, March 24, 1937. He is survived by his widow, one son, and four daughters—Wm. Eugene Wood, Memphis; Mrs. L. R. Cole, Oxford; Mrs. G. W. Sartor, Water Valley; Mrs. Frances High, Corinth; Mrs. R. M. Russell, Helena, Ark.

On the morning of March 25, 1937, the funeral service was conducted from his own church in Corinth by his presiding elder, Rev. J. D. Wroten, assisted by Rev. E. H. Cunningham and W. P. Bailey. He was buried that afternoon at the Jernigan cemetery, in his home community near Pontotoc, Miss., with the committal services conducted by Rev. W. R. Lott, assisted by Rev. N. J. Golding, Rev. R. E. Wasson, Rev. G. B. Love, Rev. C. M. Chapman, and Mr. J. B. Cole, a layman who was a life-long friend.

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BISHOPS' CRUSADE, EPWORTH-WESLEY CHARGE

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noticed evidences of this same spirit of giving among our own people on the Epworth-Wesley charge. I have never seen a greater response to any call of the church than was demonstrated by our people. Old and young alike responded, each desiring to make a contribution, though in many cases it was small. Our total offering for the Crusade was $254.76.

I am thinking about love for a cause. Bishop James Cannon recently said, "Where there is no sacrifice there is no love." I think that it is also true that we sacrifice the most for those things we love the most. And now may I tell of an incident which is almost if not as sacrificial as the giving of the Chinese wedding ring? The lady is a regular worshiper in one of our congregations. She is 69 years of age; she has been married 46 years. As usual, she was in the congregation when the Bishops' Crusade was brought to a culmination on our charge with a special message by the pastor on "The Missionary Passion." The pastor closed his sermon by telling about the Chinese ring gift. The offering was taken immediately following the sermon. When I was given the offering to send in to headquarters I noticed not only the greenbacks and silver but, somewhat to my surprise, a wedding ring. It had been the most treasured possession of her life for 46 years. But she said, "Take it, sell it, give the proceeds to the Bishops' Crusade." And I thought, yes, your genuine love for this cause is thoroughly demonstrated by your sacrificial giving.

In speaking of the Bishops' Crusade on the Epworth-Wesley charge, Bishop Dobbs said, "Such revelations sometime happen."

JAMES SWOPE NOBLIN, P. C.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Brookhaven Dist.—Third Round

Brookhaven, May 23, 11 a.m.; June 30, 7:45 p.m.
Bayou Pierre and Bogue Chitto, June 6, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
McComb, Pearl River Avenue, June 6, 7:45 p.m.; Aug. 23, 7:45 p.m.
Scotland, at Hawkins Chapel, June 13, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
McComb, LaBranch Street, June 13, 7:45 p.m.; July 16, 7:45 p.m.
Wesson, June 20, 11 a.m.; Q. C., June 16, 7:45 p.m.
Adams, at Bethel, June 20, 3 p.m.
Crystal Springs, June 27, 11 a.m.; July 15, 7:45 p.m.
Harrisville, at Rexford, June 27, 3 p.m.
Gallman, at Mt. Pleasant, July 4, 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.
Georgetown, at Thompson's Chapel, July 4, 3 p.m.
Meadville and Bude, at Mt. Olive, July 10, 11 a. m. and 1:30 p.m.; July 11, 11 a.m.
Magnolia, July 11, 7:30 p.m., followed by Q. C.
Monticello and Pleasant Grove, at Sartinsville, July 17, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Hazlehurst, July 18, 11 a.m.; Q. C., July 13, 7:45 p.m.
Utica, at Bear Creek, July 25, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Barlow, at Lebanon, July 28, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Prentiss, at Mt. Zion, Aug. 1, 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.
Silver Creek, at Oak Vale, Aug. 1, 3 p.m.
Summit and Topisaw, at Topisaw, Aug. 8, 11 a.m.; Q. C. at Summit, Aug. 25, 7:45 p.m.
McComb, Centenary, Aug. 15, 11 a.m.; Aug. 24, 7:45 p.m.
Osyka and Fernwood, at Holmesville, Aug. 15, 3 p.m.
Tylertown, Aug. 29, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Foxworth, at Sandy Hook, Aug. 29, 3:30 p.m.

Pastors will please have nominations for General superintendents and Divisional superintendents of Church Schools made out in duplicate form, as these are to be elected at the third Quarterly Conference.

R. H. CLEGG, P. E.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Columbus Dist.—Third Round

Kosciusko Station, May 9, 11 a.m.
Louisville Station, May 9, 8 p.m.
Macon Station, May 11, 8 p.m.
Central, Columbus, May 23, p.m.
Louisville Circuit, at White Hall, May 29.
West Point, at Siloam, May 30, 11 a.m.
Crawford, at Mayhew, May 30, p.m.
Pastors' School at Grenada, May 31 to June 4.
Starkville, June 6, 11 a.m.
Caledonia, at Flint Hill, June 10.
Brooksville, June 13, 11 a.m.
Columbus, First Church, June 13, p.m.
Longview, at Bevill Hill, June 16.
Sallis and Salem, June 18.
Weir and McCool, at Boule, June 19.
Kosciusko Circuit, at Marvin, June 20, 11 a.m.
Ackerman, June 20, p.m.
Ethel, at Shady Grove, June 27, 11 a.m.
Artesia, at Curtis Chapel, July 4, 11 a.m.
Macon Circuit, at Cooksville, July 11, 11 a.m.
Pickens, at Richland, July 18, 11 a.m.
Sturgis, July 18, p.m.
Chester, at Camp Ground, July 26.
Noxapater, at Rocky Hill, July 27.
Shuqualak, at Macedonia, July 28.
Central Church, Q. C., July 29, p.m.
Mashulaville, at Mt. Hebron, Aug. 1, 11 a.m.
Durant, July 25, p.m.

The District Conference at Columbus, May [illegible] marked the end of the first half of the year and the beginning of the second half. The reports at the District Conference were very gratifying and full reports from every charge is confidently expected to be made at Clarksdale November [illegible] We will not fail. L. P. WASSON, P. E.

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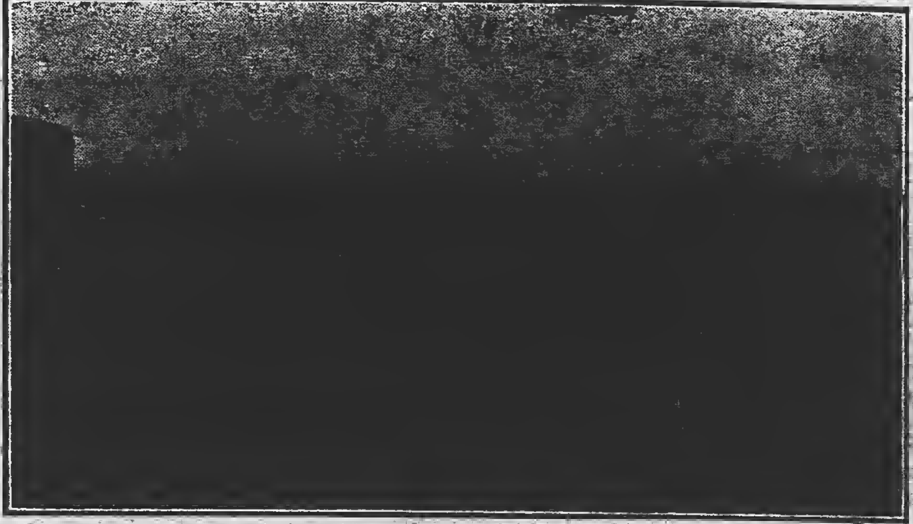

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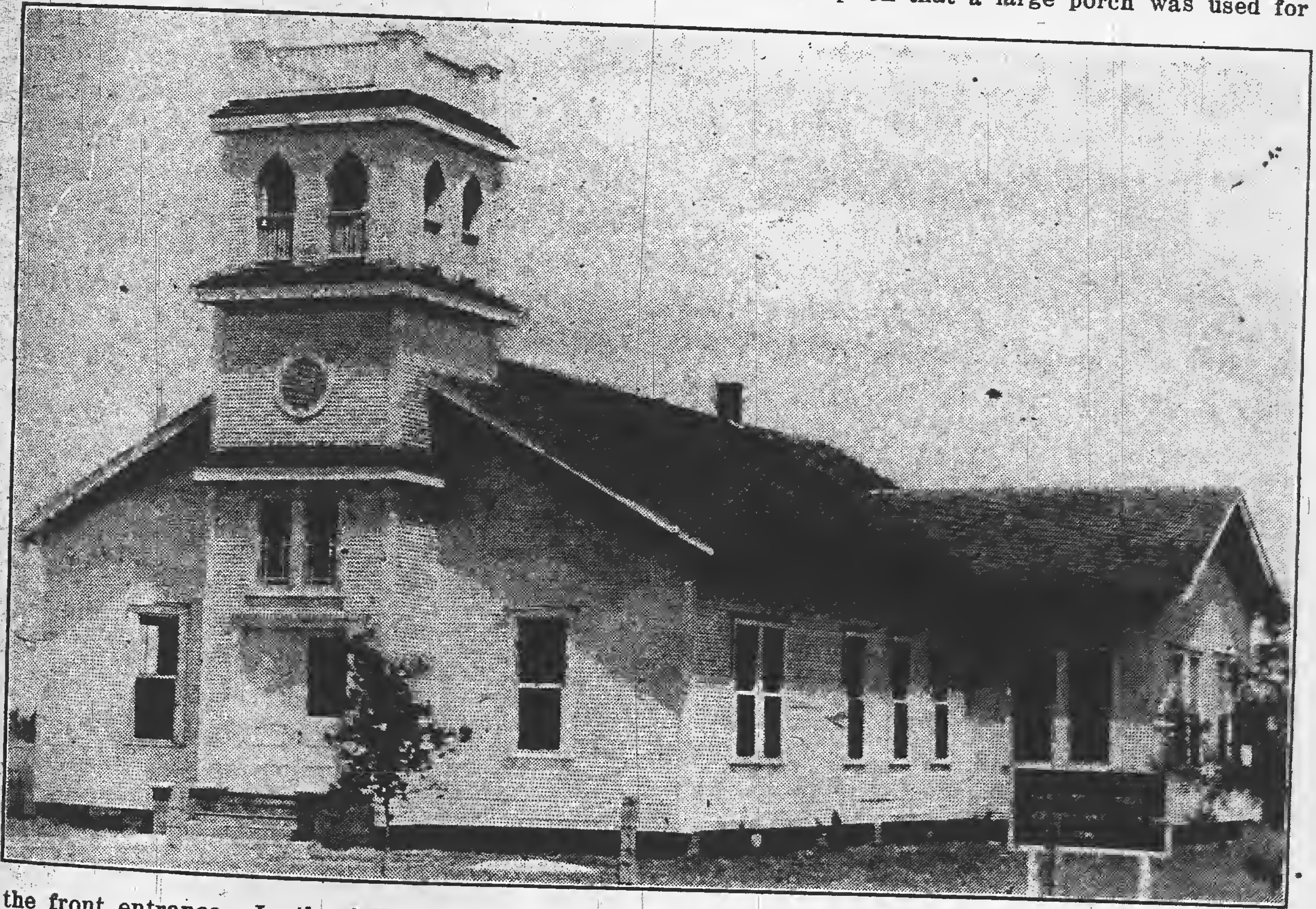
Indian Bayou Methodist Church

The Indian Bayou church is one of the pioneer organizations of the Methodist Church, South, in Louisiana. When first organized it was known as Kimball Chapel, in honor of the first pastor and organizer of the church. This church, Kimball Chapel, stood for many years near the Bayou and where the cemetery was naturally located. The present building was moved on a two-acre lot secured for the church through a generous friend of the church during the pastorate of Brother L. E. Crooks. The plan was furnished by the Board of Church Extension with the exception that a large porch was used for the front entrance. In the fall of last year, 1936, the porch was torn down and a steeple was erected. This steeple, a bell, and the concrete walk and steps, were dedicated April 18, of this year, by Rev. B. F. Rogers, the presiding elder.



This church has a widely scattered membership located in practically all the surrounding towns and extending out to Texas in the towns of Orange, Port Arthur, Beaumont, and Dallas. The membership of this church has contributed several preachers to the work of Methodism, some of whom have gone on to their eternal rewards and others are still in active service. Of sainted and honored memory is the late Rev. Ivy Hoffpauir, who for many years labored most effectively in the Louisiana Conference. Among the active ones who have come directly or indirectly from this community are: Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, presiding elder of the Ruston District; Rev. Lastie Hoffpauir, pastor at Rayville, La., and Rev. G. A. Morgan, pastor at Winnfield, La.

JAS. A. KNIGHT, Pastor.

Wallet of the Week

ILLITERACY IN INDIA has become the subject of country-wide interest. Sweeping measures for its elimination are being formulated. At the heart of the movement is a plan for requiring those who are taught to teach a specified number of others what they have learned. That means that the effort will constantly gain in volume. Literacy conferences were held by missionaries in the major language areas and an All-India Conference met at Nagpur to discuss ways and means for the promotion of the campaign.

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AN EMINENT JOURNALIST is reported to have made a study of the ages at which usefulness is at its best. His observations upon scrapping a man because he is too old are as interesting as they are unusual. He says, "it is fair to ask: Too old for what? If speed and high productivity are demanded on the track, in the prize ring, in the laboratory, forty is already too old. If great plays and novels, great histories and philosophies are wanted; if great financial schemes or governmental policies are to be shaped . . . the record indicates that seventy is definitely not too old."

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THINGS PAST REDRESS is the title of the autobiography of Augustine Birrell, and it discloses at least some of the reasons for the atmosphere of enjoyment in which Mr. Birrell lives. He says that he has at times become attached to people who, as he afterward found, disliked him. But he never regretted such a mistake, if indeed it is a mistake, for, says he, it is better to like a man who dislikes you than to hate a man who probably never gave you more than a passing thought. It is easy to believe that a man of such noble spirit and philosophy would be greatly beloved.

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MISS CAMPBELL, a religious worker and resident of Jerusalem, is given as authority for the statement that before the British occupation under the Palestine Mandate there were only twenty-five licenses for the sale of drink in the whole of Palestine. Now there are no less than one thousand places licensed for the sale of alcoholic drink. The faith of the Arab demands total abstinence, there was no demand for the licenses from any known Arab section of the Arab public, and thirteen religious leaders representing all important faiths made protest against the drink policy of the British. England succeeded the "Unspeakable Turk."

MR. FRANK PHILLIPS, president of the Phillips Petroleum Company and a wealthy resident of Bartelsville, Oklahoma, made an Easter contribution of sixty-three thousand dollars to five churches of the city. The gift represented the total of the indebtedness on the five churches. Bartelsville is a city of fifteen thousand inhabitants, and whatever may have been the facts as to the debts, the gift of Mr. Phillips was an act of praiseworthy Christian generosity, and it should so chasten the spirit of those churches as to prevent the incurring of such debts in the future.

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THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY in Spain has adopted plans whereby it is proposed to multiply by ten the million three hundred thousand bee-hives in the country. The impetus to this effort was given by an anticipated shortage in the sugar supply of Spain. The fact is not so stated in the account of the movement, but it is practically certain that this situation is the result of the war now in progress. A Central Bee-keeping Station will be established for teaching the people the best methods of apiculture.

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THE CITY OF SHANGHAI in China has a Chinese Christian Broadcasting Company, operated and financed entirely by the Chinese. Every day the gospel is preached, read or sung in six languages—Chinese, Japanese, English, French, Russian and Italian. The favorite period of the religious broadcast is said to be from five to five-thirty, when a Bible story is told by a young Chinese lady. In our country, we often hear a beer advertisement as an insulting postlude to Dr. Fosdick's sermon. And we send missionaries to the pagans.

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A NATION-WIDE MOVEMENT has been launched by the Jews to win their people back to the synagogue as the spiritual and cultural center of Jewish life. Listed among the objectives of the movement are: To make membership in the synagogue vitally important to every Jewish family; to develop a generation who will receive and carry forward the treasures belonging to their inheritance; and to attract to the synagogue those Jews who have strayed from the fold. The campaign is operating in more than two hundred cities and towns and is already begining to bear fruit.

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EDITORIAL

"LOCK-WEARY"

Under the above caption, one who chooses to be known as "Ezra the Lesser" writes an article for the **Christian Advocate**, Nashville, which strikes us as being somewhat off key. We have no desire to be critical and certainly we do not want to be considered censorious. The purpose and meaning of the writer is not altogether clear to us. Widely differing types and figures of speech are used and the inference to be drawn from the sudden transformation of the once "Lock-Weary" Propheticus, preacher of the Synagogue, is somewhat obscure. We do not wish to read into this medley of literary form and historical reference something that was not intended, but the implications do not seem to us to be calculated to promote loyalty to the program of the Church, if, indeed, they may not even encourage rebellion against it. The use of such terms as "the Church's Key-Man" and "Pass-Key" filed so thin as to "strain" integrity appear to us to be unfortunate, and we can but wonder what exalted idea of kingdom building may be served by the suggestion of an "omelet" of ministerial "Good Eggs." What possible connection could there be between the sale of indulgences by the crafty Tetzel and the building of St. Peter's in Rome, and the program of Methodism today? We wonder if the change of the "Lock-Weary" Propheticus into a "Go-Getter" parexcellence is meant to imply that those who share in the promotion of the program of the Church must surrender their individuality, strain their integrity and become pliant tools of an over-weening ecclesiasticism? Such veiled parallels seem to us to be unwise and we do not see how they may be made to serve any constructive end. We do not think that any legitimate criticism should be suppressed, but we do think that its purpose and meaning should be openly avowed. We hope that the author of this article may come to see the unwisdom of uttering an uncertain note in a day of confused thinking. We are against anything that would destroy individuality and personal initiative, we would not discredit the leadership of Methodism, and we are for the program of the Church. We do not approve that which may be mistaken for facetious attack.

THE MISSIONARY COUNCIL ON RACE RELATIONS

This paper carried recently the comments of the **Christian Century** on what was represented to be the action of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. As a matter of fact it was only a tentative draft of the Council's Committee on Interracial Cooperation. The article of the **Christian Century** was reproduced in Zion's Herald, and apparently the same draft was the foundation of a discussion in **Information Service** of the Federal Council of Churches. The report of the Council Committee which finally went to record was a straightforward statement, but differed quite a little from that discussed in the **Christian Century**. We do not understand how this tentative draft could have gained such currency, and certainly we do not see how it could have been given out as the action of the Council. The action adopted on March 13, follows:

"Whereas, our cooperation with members of the Colored Methodist Church in leadership schools, local training schools, joint services of worship, community clubs and Bible classes has increased interracial interest and has promoted more Christian attitudes; and

"Whereas, we are conscious that our areas of cooperation should be enlarged; and

"Whereas, we are interested in preparing for the expected unification of the three Methodisms within the near future—Therefore, be it resolved,

"That wherever possible our missionary societies seek helpful contacts with the missionary societies and other organizations of the Negro members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in local committees and conferences."

This together with the Committee report that went to record is the action of the Woman's Missionary Council, and only that should have been discussed. Of course the **Christian Century** corrected its error, but we cannot refrain from saying that it could do a better turn for the Negro and for the cause of unification by leaving us to work out our own problems.

A GREAT DAY AT MACON

The dedication of the Mary Dent Minor Memorial Organ last Sunday furnished occasion for one of the greatest days in the history of Macon Methodism. The organ is the gift of Judge H. Dent Minor, of Memphis, dedicated to the memory of his mother. It is a splendid instrument, beautiful in appearance, and harmonizes perfectly with the devotional atmosphere of that stately old church. One of the largest congregations ever seen in the church was present for the services. Practically all the Minor connection were present for the impressive ceremony, and many people came from neighboring towns. Among those who took part in the services were: Rev. L. P. Wasson, presiding elder of the Columbus District; Rev. R. D. Pearson, pastor of the Baptist Church of Macon; Mr. Justice James G. McGowen, of the Supreme Court of Mississippi; Judge H. Dent Minor, General Attorney for the Illinois Central Railroad, Memphis; Rev. J. W. Robertson, pastor of the Macon Methodist church; and the editor of this paper. Justice McGowen spoke fittingly of the character and devotion of his long time friend, Judge Minor, who with modest and simple grace, presented the organ to the church as a tribute of love to the memory of his mother. Rev. J. W. Robertson responded on behalf of the church and read the resolutions of acceptance adopted by the Board of Stewards. Mrs. Anne Dent Percy, a niece of Judge Minor, and Mrs. Albert Lipscomb sang beautiful and effective solos. Mr. Enoch Walton presided at the organ with Mr. C. L. Williss as violinist. The gift and the occasion mark an epoch in the life of the community and from this time it will be Mother's Day in the Macon Methodist church every Sunday in the year. A full account of the dedicatory services will be published later, and with it a cut of the home of Judge Minor's great gift to the people of his native city, who shared with his sainted mother the building of the religious and social life of that sturdy little prairie town.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

BUSY

We country folks like to go to town on Saturday afternoon. Of course, there is plenty to do at home, but it can wait until Monday—or later. Our motto is, "Never do on Saturday what you can put off till next week."

There is no special reason why we should go to town on Saturday—except that everybody else will be there and we don't like to stay at home alone. Then, too, the town merchants have to make a living, and the "Saturday trade" is a big item in their weekly turnover. If we didn't take our nickels to them, Saturday would be as blue as "blue Monday." Two blue days so close together would be a little too much for even the most enterprising business man.

But it doesn't take long to spend a couple of nickels. One of them goes for a cold drink, and the other for popcorn, chewing gum, candy, ice cream, or some other delicacy that the countryman craves. Some of the more sophisticated, who like to show that they are not one whit behind their city cousins in worldly accomplishments, spend their other nickel for a cigar. (A pretty good-sized cigar can be had for five cents—plus the tax). So our money is soon gone.

Do we then go home? Not till time to feed the pigs and the cows and the chickens! We stay in town, walk up and down the streets, look in the show windows, pretend to be looking for somebody, chat a moment with a passing acquaintance—and keep on walking. We are terribly busy in the city on Saturday afternoon.

But if somebody should cut our feet off, we'd be out of a job. Our main occupation in town is walking. It is nothing that we have walked miles and miles during the week. That pedestrian exercise has been taken on plain dirt—not pavement. So it doesn't count. We want to contact the concrete. So we walk, and walk, and walk. We are terribly busy in town on Saturday afternoon—with our feet.

Some people—not all countrymen, either—use their feet a great deal more than they do their heads. To chop off their feet would be a major calamity; to chop off their heads would only make it necessary for them to carry their hats in their hands.

RESOLUTION

Mrs. Mary Dent Minor was the only child (with the exception of a boy who died in infancy) of Dr. H. Dent and Anna Longstreet Dent. Dr. Dent was one of the early settlers of Macon and practiced his profession (physician) here until shortly before his death, in 1870. Prior to 1840 he established a drug store in Macon, which is still in operation at the same site and is now known as Murphy's Drug Store. He was one of the organizers of the Episcopal Church at Macon in 1867. His wife's family were all Methodists and most of her sisters were members of this church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Macon, Miss. Conspicuous among them was Mrs. Sarah Longstreet Ames.

In the spring of 1865, Dr. Henry A. Minor, after four years as a surgeon in the army of Northern Virginia, surrendered at Appomotax and came to Macon to practice his profession. He promptly became a member of this church, though his family had all been Episcopalians. In November, 1865, he was married to Dr. Dent's daughter. She had been a member of this church for many years and remained such until her death in February, 1883. Dr. Minor remained a member of this church until his death in 1920. Both were people of elevated character, loyal to their Master and to his church.

Their son, H. Dent Minor, of Memphis, Tenn., joined this church in 1879 when he was only eleven years old and remained a member until he made his home in Memphis fifteen years later. He desired to make the church a gift of a pipe organ costing approximately $5,000, and has asked that the gift be accepted subject to the following conditions:

(1) The organ shall not become a part of the church property subject to the trust deed now on the church property securing an issue of bonds or to any other debts of the church, and he or his heirs shall have the right to reclaim the organ if any effort is made by creditors to claim it as a part of the church property, and subject to the trust deed aforesaid or to any other debts.

(2) He will insure the organ for as high a sum within $5,000 as the insurance companies will recognize for a period of five year following its installation. After that time this church is to maintain the insurance at all times for as large an amount within $5,000 as reputable insurance companies will write and is also to maintain the organ in good repair at all times. Every policy shall be conditioned that any money paid under such policy shall be used to repair the organ in case of damage or to replace it with one of like character and value in case of loss of the organ. In the event of replacement, the new organ shall be regarded, in all respects, as is herein provided for as to the original.

(3) He is to have the right to place a tablet on the organ indicating that it is a memorial to his mother.

(4) He desires to pay all the expense, not only the purchase price of the organ, but the installation, and this church shall not be put to any expense in either respect.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Macon,, Miss., in regular meeting assembled, on this the 14th day of March, 1937, in consideration of the foregoing, that, on behalf of this church, we hereby accept the gift and the conditions above set forth and agree, for ourselves and our successors in office, to observe and comply with those conditions in every respect and hereby bind our church to observe and comply with those conditions.

Resolved further, that an authenticated copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Minor at Memphis.

In witness hereof, this resolution is signed, not only by the chairman and the secretary of this Board, but by the remaining members thereof and same will be recorded on the minutes of this body.

W. M. LAMBERSON,
C. D. FEATHERSTON,
J. H. AMES,
R. L. RHYMES,
Trustees.
W. M. LAMBERSON,
Chairman;
ED. F. HARDIN,
Secretary.

HOSPITAL WORK IN NEW ORLEANS

The Charity Hospital was a part of the Felicity-Chalmette charge when I was appointed pastor on May 1, 1936. In August of last year the U. S. Marine Hospital was added to the charge, but at the late session of the Louisiana Annual Conference the Chalmette church was taken off of the charge. Felicity church and the two hospitals constitute the charge now.

I am giving as much of my time as possible to the hospital work, but the church makes heavy demands on my time and I cannot give but two afternoons a week to each of these hospitals. That leaves me only a little time to devote to the church work. I find that I can visit from fifteen to twenty patients each afternoon and have a little time to greet many of the other patients in the various wards and rooms. The patients of all faiths are glad to have a friendly visit from a minister.

I keep a record of all Methodists and those who have no church connection and try to visit them at least twice a month, but there are so many Methodists in the Charity Hospital that I can not find many of them before they have been discharged. From a hundred to a hundred and fifty Methodists are admitted in the Charity Hospital each month. Many of them are there for only a day or two, but some of them are there for months. There are at this time about a hundred and seventy Methodists in the Charity Hospital.

We do not have many Methodists in the Marine Hospital, but there are a great number of men who have no church connection and many of them can be reached and led to Christ. The seamen are called hard cases. Many of them are, but I find that quite a few are willing to give God a chance. They will turn their soft side to the gospel. It has been a great joy to me to have had some part in leading some of these fine young men to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

There is no better opportunity for doing real practical religious work than is offered in the hospital field. Men and women are there, away from their homes, friends and loved ones, many of them seriously ill, and realize that when their bodies are carried out of the hospital the undertaker will have charge. Under such conditions it is not so difficult to lead some of them to Him who can give life and give it more abundantly.

Many of the patients are devout Christians when they enter these hospitals, but they are despondent and need the touch of some one to comfort and cheer them.

My plan of work is very simple. I carry in my pocket a small loose-leaf note book. I make a record of the name of every Methodist and those who have no church connection, with their home address, in this note book. I also keep a record of their hospital home, the building, room or ward and bed of each patient, and by that means I know who they are and where they are and can be systematic in my visiting.

The preaching service is well attended at the Charity Hospital. Many of the nurses and those in training and some of the patients attend the services. It is a joy to have this service at the Charity Hospital, but not very satisfactory at the Marine Hospital. Our service there is held in a large building where cold drinks are sold and there is a great deal of disturbance by the men coming and going for the drinks. My most effective work in both hospitals is done by bedside visitation. The patient who is confined to the bed needs attention and will listen to the story of the gospel and its power to save from sin.

W. T. GRAY, Chaplain.

On exhibit at the Missouri Historical Society, in St. Louis, is a Mark Twain collection. Among the papers is an envelope addressed to the author's wife and marked: "Opened by mistake to see what was inside.—S. L. C."—American Legion Monthly.

The man behind the message is as important as the man behind the gun.—Charles Bayard Mitchell.

Words may be bullets, but character must be the powder back of them to give the projectile force.—Charles Bayard Mitchell.

Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. H. N. Brown, our pastor at Pineville, preached the baccalaureate sermon of the Tioga High School on the evening of May 23.

The offering taken for the Orphanage at Ruston by the First Methodist Church of Shreveport on Mother's Day amounted to $1,066.89.

In his recent revival at Sicily Island church, on the charge of the same name, Rev. J. C. Price was assisted by Rev. R. T. Ware, of Shreveport.

Rev. Charles W. Lahey, pastor at Boyce, left for his old home in Northern Indiana, having been called there by the serious illness of his father.

The supper on April 23 on the Colfax-Montgomery charge was a "fish fry," which was most heartily enjoyed by Rev. J. Cude Rousseaux and his people.

Mrs. A. F. Horn, Advocate committee chairman, Growley, makes her initial bow with a splendid list of 12 subscriptions, and should secure the full quota of 22 in the near future.

During the week beginning with Mother's Day, Rev. A. H. Baggett, pastor of the Campti charge, held a meeting at that place, being assisted by Brother Isgate, an evangelist of Converse.

Rev. E. W. Day, pastor of the Rochelle-Tullos charge, is happy in the fact that salaries are paid to date, half the amount accepted for benevolences has been paid, and the whole program of the church has been followed.

On Sunday morning, May 23, Dr. Umphrey Lee, Dean of the School of Religion of Vanderbilt University, preached the baccalaureate sermon for Centenary College, at the First Methodist Church of Shreveport.

In a ten-day meeting, which closed at Natchitoches on May 5, the pastor, Rev. R. R. Branton, had the assistance of Rev. Guy M. Hicks, pastor at Ruston, La. The interest was fine and the church was greatly blessed by the meeting.

Mr. S. D. Moak, loyal layman and Advocate committee chairman of our Mansfield church, Rev. J. J. Rasmussen, pastor, lacks but three subscriptions of reaching the church's quota of 25. We have no doubt but that the quota will be exceeded without difficulty.

Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Branton, of Natchitoches, are in sorrow on account of the death of their little daughter, Mary Dale, a few days ago. The only information we have is the notice which appeared in the calendar of First Church, Shreveport.

The Ruston District Conference, which met last week, was well attended. Bishop Dobbs, who was to have preached the sermon, was detained in Shreveport by pressing business, and Dr. A. M. Serex, presiding elder of the Shreveport District, preached instead.

Through the courtesy of Miss Emeline Wynne, daughter of Rev. A. M. Wynne, we have been favored with an invitation to the commencement exercises of the Cotton Valley High School, of which class she is a member. The exercises will take place on Thursday evening, May 27.

In a good meeting recently held in our church at Pineville, the pastor, Rev. H. N. Brown, had the assistance of Rev. P. B. McCullin and Rev. J. B. Grambling, the former doing the preaching and the latter leading the singing and working with the young people. There were 17 accessions to the church.

According to press reports, the Attorney General of Louisiana has ruled against the purchase of the Dodd College, Shreveport, by the Caddo Parish School Board. Aside from all questions of law, it seems to us to be wasteful and unwise use of tax money to duplicate independent institutions with state supported colleges.

Judging from the personnel of the Advocate committee, the Waterproof charge, Rev. James M. Boykin, pastor, should have little difficulty in reaching its full quota long before the campaign closes. The committee in charge consists of Mrs. L. B. Hunter, Waterproof, and Mrs. S. D. Adams and Mrs. W. W. Drake, St. Joseph.

At a gracious service on Mother's Day at Palmetto, Melville, charge, with the presiding elder doing the preaching, the pastor, Rev. C. B. Powell, closed the service with an invitation to a greater consecration and practically everyone in the congregation came forward, pledging renewed allegiance to the faith shared with Christian mothers.

Brother W. A. Stuart, of Farmerville, is now in his ninety-first year and has been a reader of the Advocate since he was seven years of age. That means that he began reading the paper in the third year of its publication. We doubt if that record can be beaten by any of our readers, and Brother Stuart is still a devoted subscriber of the Advocate.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph E. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn., well known leaders in evangelistic music and specialists in children's and young people's evangelistic services, will assist Rev. Thornton Fowler, recent graduate of Asbury College, in a two weeks' meeting at Bastrop, beginning on Sunday, May 30, and closing on the evening of June 13. Rev. W. H. Giles pastors this fine congregation.

Rev. D. B. Raulins, pastor of the Carrollton Avenue Church, this city, was stricken early Sunday morning with what was at first thought to be an acute attack of appendicitis. However, at the time of this writing, he is reported as greatly improved, and an operation will not be necessary. We join his many friends throughout Louisiana and Mississippi in praying for his speedy recovery.

The commencement exercises of the MacDonell French Mission School, were held at the First Methodist Church, Houma, on Sunday morning, May 23, at 10:45, and Wednesday evening, May 26, at 8 o'clock on the School campus. The commencement sermon was delivered by Dr. Dana Dawson on Sunday morning, and Mrs. J. W. Downs addressed the class at the evening exercises on Wednesday.

At the request of his people, Rev. Edgar Dufresne did the preaching in a revival held during the early part of May in his church at Ferriday. A part of the time he had the assistance of Rev. Otis Spinks as song leader. There were 25 received into the church as a result of the meeting; of the sixteen who were received on profession of faith, seven were adults who received baptism.

The Baton Rouge District Conference will convene at the Zachary Methodist church on Thursday morning, May 27, at 10 o'clock. In addition to the usual program, Dr. R. E. Smith, of Centenary College, is scheduled to deliver a series of Bible messages twice each day during the duration of the Conference. Rev. J. Henry Bowdon, presiding elder, has arranged a very interesting and complete program.

At the second quarterly conference of the Marksville charge, held at Evergreen on the evening of May 9, the pastor, Rev. G. A. LaGrange, reported much done toward improvement of church property. A new roof has been put on the church at Evergreen and every cent of the cost, $232, paid. At Marksville, repairs on the church building are under way, with $150 of the amount needed in hand. The ladies of White's Chapel have agreed to give all eggs laid on Sunday toward a fund for the purchase of new hymnals.

Rev. W. H. Giles, pastor of our church at Bastrop, delivered the commencement sermon for the Johnson School of that place on Sunday afternoon, May 23, and is scheduled to preach the baccalaureate sermon for the Bastrop High School at the 11 o'clock hour on next Sunday morning. Brother Giles will have a splendid report to make at the approaching session of the Monroe District Conference, which will convene on June 2, and included in his report of "everything in full" will be the charge's quota of 31 Advocate subscriptions.

The recent annual gathering at old Liberty Chapel church, Alexandria District, for the purpose of putting the cemetery in good condition, was a time of much interest. The attendance was large, some coming a hundred miles to be present. After work had been completed in the cemetery, the people gathered in the open near the church for a brief service, conducted by Rev. G. W. Dameron, who is supplying the church as pastor. Then "dinner on the ground" was heartily enjoyed by all. This old church, which has been in existence from ante-bellum days, is prospering under Brother Dameron. Hon. Jesse Nugent, of the State Highway Commission, was reared within sight of this church and was a member of it in his youth. Mrs. Vera Guynes, alumnae of L. S. U. and teacher of mathematics at Dry Prong High School, is a steward of the church and a tireless leader.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The ministers and delegates of the Shreveport District met in Benton Wednesday, May 12, at 8:45 a. m. Dr. A. M. Serex, presiding elder of the District, called the meeting to order. Mr. A. M. Wallace, mayor of Benton, gave words of welcome. Dr. George Sexton responded in a gracious way. Rev. L. W. Smart, pastor of the Bossier City Methodist church, was elected secretary. Mrs. W. C. McDonald, of the Pelican charge, was elected assistant secretary. Roll call showed that there were present 18 pastors, several of the superannuates and local preachers, five ex-officio members, and 85 delegates.

The following committees were appointed: Lay activities, Christian Education, nomination for Lay Leader, nominations for delegates to Annual Conference, General State of the Church, local preachers, Christian Literature, Quarterly Conference Records, Ad Interim Licensing Committee, and Committee on Resolutions.

Reports from the pastoral charges were made. The following made reports: A. M. Shaw, Belcher-Gilliam; L. W. Smart, Bossier City; Coushatta, R. H. Staples; Grand Cane, A. R. Hoffpauir; Hall Summit, T. D. Lipscomb; Ida-Hosston, F. J. McCoy; Logansport, A. S. J. Neil; Mansfield, J. J. Rasmussen; Mooringsport-Oil City, D. F. Anders; Noble-Benson, S. S. Bogan; Pelican, F. C. Collins; Plain Dealing, P. B. McCullen; Cedar Grove, A. C. Lawton; First Church, Dana Dawson; Noel Memorial, C. M. Crowe; Park Avenue, R. T. Ware; Wynn Memorial, E. B. Chaney; Vivian, C. E. McLean. Also Dr. George Sexton, Dean R. E. Smith, Dr. John F. Foster, S. L. Riggs, J. F. Waltman made reports.

At 11 o'clock Dr. W. L. Duren, editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, brought an inspiring address to the Conference. The first ballot for delegates to the Annual Conference, to be held in Bogalusa next November, was taken. Luncheon was served in the Benton High School building by the ladies of the Methodist church.

In the afternoon, R. W. Vaughan, superintendent of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage at Ruston; J. G. Snelling, superintendent of Memorial Mercy Home, New Orleans; S. A. Seegers, Director of the Golden Cross for the Louisiana Conference, and W. L. Duren, editor of New Orleans Christian Advocate, addressed the Conference.

Reports of the various committees were heard. The reports showed that 256 had been taken into the Church on profession of faith, and that there had been a net gain in the District of 448. The reports showed that the different departments of the local churches, including Women's Work, Young People's Work and Church Schools, are growing in attendance and enrollment; that several new Church Schools and Women's Circles have been organized; that the general state of the church was improving.

Delegates elected to the Annual Conference were: Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.; Mrs. H. B. Wren, H. T. Wadley, R. H. Nelson, W. A. McKennon, Paul M. Brown, Pierce Cline, Mrs. R. T. Douglas, G. C. Floyd, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Mrs. J. T. Means, Mrs. N. L. Hudson, R. T. Douglas, Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Judge R. J. Oneal and J. B. Turnley. Alternates elected were: A. J. Scott, George Nelson, T. C. Clanton, Mrs. A. E. Reid, I. C. Strickland, Dr. J. T. Crebbin, J. A. Bowdon, T. P. Connell.

A. T. Wadley was elected as District Lay Leader. J. F. Cox, I. C. Strickland and R. T. Douglas were elected as associate lay leaders.

The names of the local preachers were called, their characters passed and their licenses renewed.

Munnerlyn Chapel, on the Ida-Hosston charge, was selected as the place for the next District Conference in 1938.

FROM PINEVILLE CHARGE

Dear Dr. Duren: I have not annoyed you with any frequent communications, telling you what I have done. In fact, I have intended to do so frequently, but have thought it might be best to wait until I had done it before telling about it. And I have never gotten it done to my own satisfaction. But some things have been done in Pineville in which others have had a prominent part, and in which some of the brethren will be interested.

First, the church debt has been adjusted and partly paid, so that we have reasonable hope of getting out of debt in a reasonable time with reasonable effort. Our Board of Church Extension lent us some money and made a small donation, our creditors accepted a reasonable figure as a cash consideration, about all that the property was worth, and our congregation put up the difference, and now we owe $3,500, with five years to pay it, and are in position to go ahead with our church work with some hope of permanence.

Secondly, we have had a good evangelistic meeting. On April 25 we began a series of services in which Rev. P. B. McCullen, of Plain Dealing, did the preaching, and his home town seems to have suggested the type of his preaching, by its name, for he did some plain preaching of a high evangelistic order. Rev. J. B. Grambling, of Epworth Church, New Orleans, led the singing and conducted brief evening services for the young people before the preaching service in the auditorium. His magnetic personality and spicy manner captured the young people from the first service, and his closing service culminated with a definite committal of the young people to Christian service that ought to tell mightily for good in the future.

Our people are highly optimistic for the future of our church and are deeply grateful for the services of these two visiting brethren in our revival.

Some material improvement of the church property is under way that will make it possible to do the church work in a better way. Fourteen members were received in a class at the close of the meeting, and three others were added on the following Sunday, with still others promising to come in later.

"The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Sincerely,

H. N. BROWN.

Every one of us is said to be a model, held in awe by someone else, low and humble as we may be.

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Mississippi Conference

REV. B. H. RAWLS PASSES

A note from Rev. L. J. Power, the presiding elder, informs us of the death of Rev. B. H. Rawls, a superannuate of the Mississippi Conference. Brother Rawls was seventy-seven years old, he had given twenty-nine years of active service in the ministry—twenty-six years to the Mississippi Conference. He was buried at Winbourne Chapel on the Leakesville charge, with Rev. S. E. Flurry, the pastor in charge. Assisting and present in the services were Rev. L. J. Power, presiding elder, Rev. W. H. Lewis, Rev. W. B. Alsworth, Rev. E. E. McKeithen, and Rev. Seth Granberry. A suitable memoir will be furnished later.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

The Quitman charge, Meridian District, Rev. Victor G. Clifford, pastor, occupies the seat of honor this week. With a quota of 8, Brother Clifford and his loyal people have secured a list of 19 renewals and new readers to the Conference organ, thereby more than doubling the quota assigned to them. Brother Clifford is directing the Advocate campaign in his District and expects to complete the canvass by the first week in June.

Rev. M. G. Matheny, a local elder from the Poplar Springs church, Meridian, has our thanks for a list of subscriptions and his generous words of commendation.

Dr. W. M. Sullivan is at present looking after the interests of the Conference organ, of which he has been a loyal supporter throughout his entire ministry. The work of the Forest charge, of which he is serving his first year as pastor, is progressing along all lines under his efficient leadership.

The work on the Homewood charge is progressing smoothly, according to reports reaching our office. Rev. Hilary S. Westbrook, pastor, is preaching to large congregations both morning and evening each Sunday, and the outlook for a complete report at the close of the Conference year is very bright.

Happy days! The parsonage at Hamburg, home of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. McRaney, of the Nebo charge, has been made happy by the arrival of Kenneth Allen on Saturday, May 15. The new boss of the household weighed seven pounds upon arrival and seems to have everything his own way. Congratulations to the proud parents.

Rev. Jas. M. Lewis, pastor, enthusiastically reports that the recent revival conducted by Rev. J. W. Leggett, of Crystal Springs, was the most successful meeting held at Monticello in many years. Sixteen new members were received at the close of the service on Sunday, May 16, fifteen of whom joined on profession of faith. We thank Brother Lewis for the assurance that the Advocate will receive his best attention in due time.

In a business letter from Rev. Roy Wolfe, pastor of Hawkins Memorial church, Meridian, we learn that the work at that place is moving along nicely with good attendance on all services, the finances in advance of other years, parsonage repainted and other plans of improvement to the property under way. Rev. J. W. Leggett, Jr., of Crystal Springs, will do the preaching in a revival meeting which will begin on the evening of June 30. He will be assisted by Rev. O. H. Scott, of Raleigh, who has been secured to lead the singing and conduct the young people's services. Brother Wolfe is in high favor with this growing congregation.

ATTENTION, MERIDIAN DISTRICT

At the request of Rev. V. G. Clifford, District Director of the Advocate subscription campaign, we are listing the following subscriptions received in our office through Monday, May 24: Rev. G. G. Yeager, 5½; Rev. J. C. Jackson, 1; Rev. Murray Cox, 8; Rev. E. D. Simpson, 5; Rev. Jos. A. Smith, 22; Rev. Roy Wolfe, 1; Rev. R. L. Walton, 2; Rev. C. C. Clark, 9; Rev. W. C. M. Baggett, 1; Rev. V. G. Clifford, 19½; District Conference collection for Sanatorium subscriptions, 7½. Total, 81½.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren: It is very encouraging to the Board of Lay Activities of the Conference that plans have been made in practically every charge to hold a Laymen's Day service in every church. The pamphlet on "A Fellowship Church," issued by our General Secretary, Dr. G. L. Morelock, has been sent to every pastor or charge lay leader, and we feel that this suggestive program will be valuable for what it contains and as an aid to the layman who conducts the service. On those circuits where a service cannot be arranged for every church on the second Sunday of June, let it be held just as soon as possible. The Conference lay leader desires to make a 100 per cent report to the General Board in August.

We believe that the booklet, "Methodism Marches on as a United Force through Benevolences," will be of much inspirational value in this field if given attention by the membership. Sufficient numbers have been sent to every church to supply the board of stewards, but some effort to see that they are distributed will be necessary. The report of the Conference treasurer on the payments to benevolences to May 17 is as follows:

Brookhaven District.—Adams, $30; Brookhaven, $400; Crystal Springs, $210; Georgetown, $20; Harrisville, $33.75; Hazlehurst, $150; McComb, Centenary, $315.91; McComb, Pearl River Avenue, $150; Meadville and Bude, $128.85; Monticello and Pleasant Grove, $43.80; Osyka, $23; Prentiss, $330; Scotland, $105; Silver Creek, $12; Summit and Topisaw, $45.30; Tylertown, $100; Utica, $75.35; Wesson, $100. Total, $2,272.96.

Hattiesburg District.—Bay Springs, $126; Bonhomie, $50; Bucatunna, $75.50; Collins, $75; Ellisville, $6.50; Hattiesburg, Broad Street, $210; Hattiesburg, Court Street, $284.23; Hattiesburg, Main Street, $613; Heidelberg, $79.50; Laurel, First Church, $166; Laurel, Kingston, $34; Laurel, West Laurel, $50; Magee, $147; Matherville, $21; Montrose, $30; Mt. Olive, $45; New Augusta, $59; Petal, $45; Richton, $178.50; Shubuta, $115; Sumrall, $110; Taylorsville, $14.97; Waynesboro, $275; Waynesboro Circuit, $33; Seminary, $3. Total, $2,846.20.

Jackson District.—Benton, $465; Brandon and Pelahatchie, $150; Camden and Sharon, $50; Canton, $300; Carthage, $20; Fannin, $104; Forest, $153.81; Homewood, $22; Jackson, Capitol St., $3,806; Jackson, Galloway Memorial, $1,200; Jackson, Glendale, $75; Jackson, Grace, $165; Jackson, Millsaps Memorial, $150; Lake, $30; Lena, $54; Madison and Pocahontas, $270.43; Morton, $75; Shiloh, $27; Walnut Grove, $30.50. Total, $7,147.74.

Meridian District.—Burnside, $11.75; Chunky, $27.08; Cleveland, $18.05; Daleville, $11.15; Decatur and Hickory, $37.50; DeSoto, $32.95; Enterprise, $82.50; Lauderdale and Electric Mills, $74; Meridian, East End, $400; Meridian, Fifth Street, $100; Meridian, Hawkins Memorial, $89; Meridian, Wesley, $15.50; Newton, $47.15; Pachuta, $47; Philadelphia Station, $440; Quitman, $250; Scooba, $15; Vimville, $5.95. Total, $1,704.58.

Vicksburg District.—Anguilla, $82; Centerville, $140; Edwards, $72; Fayette, $100; Lorman, $63.15; Louise and Holly Bluff, $69; Mayersville, $51; Nebo, $60; Port Gibson, $135; Rolling Fork and Cary, $100; Roxie, $66.15; Satartia, $102.50; Silver City, $100; Vicksburg, Gibson Memorial, $239.99; Yazoo City, $333.33. Total, $1,714.12.

Seashore District.—Bay St. Louis, $1; Brooklyn and Bond, $52.25; Coalville, $16.50; Columbia, $1,000; Escatawpa, $15; Gulfport, First Church, $400; Kreole, $50; Leakesville, $21.50; Logtown, $25; Long Beach and Pass Christian, $86.65; Lucedale, $110; Moss Point, $40.20; Ocean Springs and Wesley Memorial, $30; Picayune, $200; Poplarville, $150; Purvis, $40; Saucier, $40; Vancleave, $52.50; Wiggins, $110.36; Biloxi-Epworth,

$75. Total, $2517.96. Grand total, $18,203.56.

J. M. SULLIVAN.

THE FORGOTTEN MAN

A Conference was to be held in his old home church.

He journeyed some distance and at some expense to attend that Conference.

On the way he had visions of a happy day with the brethren in the church "back home."

There was no more sacred spot on earth to him than the altar of that church where he was baptized, when he was received into membership, and where he was ordained to preach the gospel.

Through his long years of service he had never tried to push himself forward. He had never taken up much time on the floor of the Annual or District Conference. But today he wanted to speak a few words, for he felt that he might never have another opportunity to meet with the brethren whom he loved, and with whom he labored in that place so sacred to him.

So he quietly asks the presiding officer: "Will you permit me to speak a few words?"

The answer came, "no!"

He hesitated a moment. Is it possible he would be denied this slight request? Yes, the speaker has turned his back.

With bowed head he goes back to his seat.

A little word can sometimes cut deeper than the sharpest steel.

He began to think, and suddenly he realizes for the first time what it means to be,

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PASTORS' SCHOOL, SEASHORE METHODIST ASSEMBLY

JUNE 21-26, 1937

Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, D.D., will speak every night at 8 p.m.

Miss Mary Skinner, Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. C. A. Bowen, Nashville, Tenn., will lead the forums.

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The Church and Rural Welfare—Dr. W. M. Alexander.

Acts—Dr. H. M. Bullock.

For further information write Rev. I. H. Sells, Box 2355, West Jackson, Miss.

Monday, June 21

Devotions and Organization—2:30 p.m.
First Class Period—3:00-3:50 p.m.
Second Class Period—3:55-4:45 p.m.
Platform Hour—8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 22, and Thereafter

First Class Period—9:00-9:50 a.m.
Second Class Period—10:00-10:50 a.m.
Forum—11:10 a.m.
Recreation—2:30-5:00 p.m.
Platform—8:00 p.m.

BUCATUNNA CHARGE

Dear Dr. Duren: The work goes well on the Bucatunna charge. We plan to observe Laymen's Day on Sunday, May 30, and we hope to have Dr. J. M. Sullivan with us for that day. We have planned for a revival in every church on the charge and will begin the first one at State Line church on June 3, with Brother Roy Wolfe doing the preaching, and following this we will begin at Bucatunna with Brother Ira Williams assisting.

The people at Lewis Chapel have asked that the pastor do the preaching for the revival there.

For the services at Clara we have secured the promise of Brother Andrew Gallman.

We may not be able to get things done as quickly as some of the brethren, but usually we make a good showing at the end of the year.

Our benevolences are almost paid up to date, and the salaries are almost in full, with something done on all of the extra askings.

I might say here that the salary was raised a good bit over the figures of last year, and the stewards, under the splendid leadership of our fine charge lay leader, Brother J. L. Westerfield, are seeing to it that the salaries are being paid up each month.

We are happy in our work on the Bucatunna charge.

WM. M. TABB, Pastor.

CRAWFORD STREET, VICKSBURG

The centenary of the signing of the deed to the lot on which was built the first Methodist church in Vicksburg will be celebrated in Crawford Street Methodist Church on Sunday, June 27. Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs will preach the centennial sermon at 10:00 a. m. Rev. H. A. Gatlin, presiding elder, and Rev. T. J. O'Neil, pastor, will have a part on the program. All former pastors and presiding elders are cordially invited to attend this service.

Rev. Newitt Vick, a local Methodist minister, and his nephew, Foster Cook, and their families, and others organized a church at Openwood, about six miles north of Vicksburg, in 1814. This was really the beginning of Vicksburg Methodism. In 1820, John Lane, son-in-law of Newitt Vick, began preaching in a blacksmith shop in Vicksburg. December 13, 1832, the first Annual Conference to be held in Vicksburg was held in the home of John Lane, Bishop Andrew presiding. The first Methodist church to be built in Vicksburg was just completed, and was dedicated during the session of this Conference, Dr. William Winans preaching the dedicatory sermon. The deed to the lot on which this church was built was given to the trustees of the church by John Lane and his son, Edgar M.

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The following books, carefully selected from the field of the best songbooks published today, are All Purpose Songbooks that may be used for Church Worship Services, Sunday schools, Missionary Society Meetings, Mid-week Services, Revivals, and all Special Occasions.

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

We appreciate the kind words of commendation recently received from Mrs. J. Vernon Davis, of Calhoun City, Miss., whose renewal subscription is evidence of her appreciation.

The Greenville District Conference met at Boyle last week and the business was dispatched in a very effective and satisfactory manner by Dr. J. R. Countiss, the very able and courteous presiding elder.

Rev. B. P. Jaco, a superannuate of the North Mississippi Conference now living at Raymondville, Texas, is in the Baptist Hospital, Memphis, where he underwent a very serious operation on last Thursday morning. He was reported to be getting along as well as could be expected the following day.

The Methodist Benevolent Association, 808 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., has designated 1937 as Founder's Year, in honor of Rev. J. H. Shumaker, formerly a member of the North Mississippi Conference and founder of the Association in 1903. Brother Shumaker will celebrate the passing of another mile stone on May 30.

Rev. J. D. Wroten, the very capable leader in the Corinth District, held a good District Conference last week. Rev. E. H. Cunningham and First Church, Corinth, were pastor and church host. Brother Wroten's District is making a splendid record in all departments of church enterprise, and he is in great favor with all the people.

The Greenville District elected the following delegates to the Annual Conference, to be held in Clarksdale on November 1: J. H. Johnson, Clarksdale; J. H. Sherard, Sherard; E. A. Tauner, Indianola; Mrs. E. D. Rainer, Merigold; J. M. Forman, Indianola; S. V. Wall, Cleveland; Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina; Mrs. J. R. Countiss, Greenville; Mrs. J. J. Baird, Cleveland.

Rev. W. M. Hester, Crawford and Mayhew charge, makes a beginning on his Advocate campaign with four subscriptions and an assurance that more will follow in short order. A revival meeting of one week's duration will be conducted at Crawford, beginning the second Sunday in June, with Rev. John W. Robertson, of Macon, doing the preaching. Brother Hester reports progress in all departments of the church.

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REPORT OF NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE TREASURER

The following are amounts pledged and amounts paid to May 19, 1937, by the various Districts:

	Pledged	Paid
Aberdeen	$ 8,666.00	$3,222.62
Columbus	8,298.00	615.20
Corinth	9,097.00	2,622.20
Greenville	10,396.00	675.00
Greenwood	9,925.00	1,020.11
Sardis-Grenada	6,479.00	1,550.00
	$52,861.00	$9,705.13

J. H. JOHNSON, Treasurer.

POTTS CAMP MEETING

Our beloved presiding elder, Dr. Wroten, took time off from his District work to give the good people of Potts Camp church six days of real gospel preaching, beginning the first Sunday in May. The two first days he preached on revivals, and how to bring them about, which was very constructive work.

The third day was children's day. Among other things, he gave a chemical analysis of sin. One little three-year-old left the church; her mother asked her why she left. Her reply was, "I am not going to take that medicine." Another little tot said, "Brother Wroten can beat Brother Craddock and Mr. Taylor preaching." (Mr. Taylor is superintendent of the Church School).

The fourth day was Mother's Day. The choir was composed of mothers, a mother sang a solo, a mother prayed. Mothers took the front seats. It was a glorious Mother's Day.

The fifth day was Father's Day. The choir was filled with fathers. Fathers did the praying, a father sang a solo, "His Eye is on the Sparrow," which was great. There were more men in the church that day than had ever been seen there before. The pastor regretted that he could not get a picture, men only in the choir, something "new under the sun" in Potts Camp.

The sixth day was Young People's Day. It was not strange to see a full choir of young people there. A very fine young lady led in the prayer, another fine girl sang a beautiful solo. The preacher took for his theme, "If Walls Could Speak," taken from Belshazzar's "Hand Writing on the Wall."

The church pledged a new consecration to the work of the Master at the altar with prayer. We are indebted to our friendly elder for the glorious work he did in Potts Camp.

E. P. CRADDOCK.

FROM DURANT, MISS.

Dear Advocate: A good many things are happening to us these days. One of the big things of recent date was the District Conference at First Church, Columbus. Good Conference, with fine entertainment and large attendance. Dr. Goodloe, of Southern Methodist University, made a fine impression. Drs. Duren, Key, Decell, Bradley and others made a place for themselves that the Conference will not soon forget. Both the elder and the host were on the job and the Conference showed their or its appreciation by electing the two wives to the Annual Conference. That is sufficient reward for faithfulness, don't you think?

Another very happy thing was that the editor came home with us from the District Conference and spent the night. We talked over old and new experiences, and the editor left with the assurance that the Advocate campaign would be put on.

Our oldest member was 97 on May 19. People live a long time in this climate. Captain F. A. Howell was wounded at Gettysburg. In the midst of flowers and birthday cards and friends who called to extend congratulations, Brother Howell told his pastor how he enjoyed a reunion at Gettysburg and on that trip had a chance to see Woodrow Wilson, who at that time was President. Brother Howell was present at Water Valley in 1870, when the North Mississippi Conference was organized. He is in his rolling chair, but his mind and heart are all right. Blessings on this fine old saint!

Looked in on the folks at Greenville a day or two ago. They have a fine team down there, Ward and Countiss. No wonder they are making such fine headway when you think of Kretchmar, Judge Percy Bell, Edward Taylor, Dr. T. B. Lewis, E. H. Cason, M. P. Massey and all the fine women of the missionary society. No wonder things are going good.

Had a glowing letter from Jas. H. Felts recently. He is as happy as a pig in the sunshine. God don't make many like him. He says he pities the superannuate who grunts and growls. You won't hear that from Jim Felts.

Yours truly,
E. S. LEWIS.

BISHOPS' CRUSADE REPORT

Bishop John M. Moore, the Senior Bishop, asked me to announce on this day the status of the Bishops' Crusade fund. The total subscriptions reported by the presiding elders to date is $393,000. The total cash paid and received by me, the treasurer of the Bishops' Crusade, is $326,167, as of May 24. The total unpaid subscriptions as of May 24 is $66,833.

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NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE W. M. S.

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children are fed and clothed and educated. The things we want for our own children will be the things we want for every child. Some day children will look back with amazement to the time when mothers could feel complacent because of their own children's comfort while millions of little children eked out a miserable existence in city and rural slums.

Instinctively we share when we love. The orientals have a very lovely custom of giving gifts on anniversaries to the ones they love. The one who is celebrating his anniversary does the giving and does it with such great joy and humility. Is there a lesson for us there? In our great world program there is every opportunity to give of whatever we have—time, money, talent. Truly "we give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be."

Spiritual Living. Prayer and devotion are a very important part of our lives. Truly the time has come when we must know by personal experience whereof we speak. How can we otherwise be His witnesses? We cannot lead where we have not been. Medical science is beginning to place more and more value upon spiritual values. In one large clinic this question is asked, "Are you religious?" Some answer, "I attend the Methodist Church," or "I am a Baptist," but they ask again, "Are you religious?" A Jewish lady answered, "At night we go to our room and close the doors and light the candles. Then we pray and God comes in." What a testimony!

And so we keep faith with the ones who went before and the ones who are coming after. These are just a few of the many challenges that come to us, but we do find our own lives enriched as we go forth in the assurance of His promise, "All authority has been given me in Heaven and on earth—go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, teaching them all things, and lo, I am with you always."

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, MAY 30

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

THE REMAKING OF JACOB

A good many things went into the making of the original Jacob. He was well endowed with the acquisitive faculty; he was petted and spoiled by his mother who engineered his fraud and his falsehood; the easy-going ways of Esau doubtless reacted to make him all the more thrifty and forward-looking. If he was to prove worthy of his heritage and honor his birthright, he must first have a radical change in his character. He had in him the making of a prince if he could only be got into an atmosphere where God could have a chance. His enforced exile from the wrath of Esau brought that opportunity. His first day's march brought a new environment. Alone under the stars, he thought and slept and dreamed. Esau was far behind, but God was near—nearer than he had dared believe. Hitherto he had not reckoned with God, who was not henceforth to be altogether left out of his life.

At Bethel and in the dark Jacob became personally conscious of God, and God was friendly! When one comes to understand that fact, he can march breast forward in spite of his own shortcomings or a brother's anger. Jacob confirmed his vision with a vow and an act of worship. He was still far from being a saint, but he faced in a new direction. He had established relations with the heavens, and no man is ever the same after such an experience. If he had any lurking notion that one may succeed by fraud or make cheating pay, his association with Laban was enough to remove it forever. At every turn the cheater was cheated, defrauded as to wife and wage, paid back in his own coin. Surely he must have developed something of sympathy for Esau.

At last his years of servitude with Laban were over and he turned his face toward home and—Esau. Clearly, he was afraid. What if Esau had not softened but hardened during his long absence? Isaac and Rebekah were probably dead and there would be no paternal grief over a fratricide. If Esau had not too much changed, a generous bribe would help—"a present." Jacob would try it. Again he is alone; again it is dark; again God has a chance. This time not from the top of a starry ladder, but face to face, even at close grips.

There is food for thought in this Oriental picture of a wrestling match with God. We Jacobs do so much want our own way, and we know such clever methods! But there is God! And he gets hold of us with such a grip that we are moved to lay hold on him with insistent desire for his blessing. Struggle becomes prayer, resistance becomes yearning and we realize that we dare not face the issues of life without God. We no longer desire to have God keep his hand out of our business. Yielding, we prevail and character is changed. Jacob is remade at last, and there comes a godlikeness that could never have resulted from the smart chicanery of his early days.

Every modern youth needs a few nights under the stars, some quiet hours for meditation on the value and meaning of life. Far too many try to solve its problem without taking into account the greatest factor of all—God.

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The Christian Fireside

A CEMETERY FOR FAULTS

We all make mistakes. None of us is infallible. This is a self-evident truth which we are willing to admit but likely to fail to remember and apply in our relations with others. We would do well to keep our minds open and discount much of the unpleasantness we encounter every day.

Our best friend may hurt our feelings by an act of which he was barely conscious. We know he didn't mean it; we know that he would apologize profusely if he knew what he had done. So why fret about it?

Some one whom we like very much may do or say something which, to our way of thinking, is painful or insulting. Yet we can see that he meant no harm; his angle of thought simply didn't coincide with ours. So why sit and worry about it?

Life is far too short to spend even a few minutes doubting the sincerity of our friends. And friends—real friends—are far too few and valuable to risk on the altar of suspicion. We must simply remember that every one does not think as we do; that everyone does not react in the same way we do; and that no one is entirely without fault.

Henry Ward Beecher, it is said, once remarked that every man should keep a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.—Donald Spatz, in The Challenge.

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THE LITTLE BOAT TWICE OWNED

Bruce loved the sea and boats. To spend a day at the harbor watching the boats come and go was to him the best treat he could imagine. He lived with his parents in a town located along the shores of a great lake, and his one desire was to have a little boat of his own to sail upon the blue waters.

One day his father said, "Bruce, why don't you make a boat? I will furnish all the materials and let you work in my work shop."

This brought joy to the heart of the lad, and not long after that he displayed to his father a boat of his own designing and making. I believe he liked it a bit more than he would any other, because he had made it all himself. What love and dreams he had put into its framework! He had painted it red and blue, and with its white sails it displayed the colors of our flag. It was not a boat large enough to carry people, but it could sail on the lake, held by a long cord.

One beautiful day, down to the lakeshore went Bruce. Imagine his joy when he saw the little boat sail proudly away on the blue waves!

Of course, he guided it here and there by means of the long cord. All went well for a while. Then, "Clang, clang," rang the fire alarm. The fire engine could be heard in the distance. Hurriedly fastening the cord, Bruce was off with the others. It was a big fire—a city block was swept away, and Bruce lingered with many others for a long time. Finally, however, his thoughts returned to his toy. Away he sped to the lake front—but alas, the little boat was nowhere to be seen. Along the shore he went, straining his eyes for a glimpse of his red-white-and blue boat, but not a trace could he find. For days he stayed near the shore, hoping against hope for his treasure's return. His father suggested buying a new one for him, but Bruce said, "No, that would not be the one I made."

Weeks went by, and then one day a strange thing happened. Walking down the main street of his home town with his father, Bruce spied in a store window a little boat.

"Oh, Daddy," he cried, " there is my boat, my little red-white-and-blue boat."

"Are you sure?" his father asked.

"Oh, yes, I'm sure—see the mark on the front?"

"But, Bruce, there is a price on this boat. It is for sale," his father continued.

They entered the store, and Bruce, to his father's amazement, said to the storekeeper, "I've come for my boat."

"Your boat?" questioned the storekeeper. "That is not your boat."

Then Bruce's father explained to the puzzled storekeeper the story of the little red-white-and-blue boat. The storekeeper said he bought the boat from a fisherman the very night of the big fire.

Turning to Bruce, the man said, "Laddie, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll let you have the boat for the price I paid the fisherman. Will that be all right with you?"

Bruce's face gave the answer, so with his own money he purchased the little boat he himself made. Lovingly, Bruce took the little boat in his arms, and as he left the store his father heard him say, "Little boat, you're really twice mine now. You are mine because I made you, and mine because I bought you."

Bruce's father thought of another relationship so like that of Bruce to his little boat. It was the relationship to his Lord and Saviour—twice His—first by creation, and then by purchase—purchased by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus. Every Christian, like the little boat, is not his own, for he has been "bought with a price."—King's Business.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
1574 Jefferson Avenue, New Orleans, La.

A most interesting letter was recently received from Miss Annie Price, missionary to China, located at Laura Haygood School, Soochow. Space does not permit giving the letter in full, but the following is an excerpt concerning the capture of General Chiang Kai Shek:

"Most of December was filled with political crises. First, it seemed that a clash with Japan was inevitable—really the last straw had broken the camel's back. Japan would wait no longer. We made all possible preparations—selected a place in the hills to hide—painted everything gray to camouflage in case of an air raid. And then, as the time for the explosion neared, we found that it was only a fire-cracker which left a little smoke and the smell of burnt powder. Crises so often end like that in China. It leaves the Westerners who are more naive, a little baffled. Then came the capture of General Chiang Kai Shek. Again the integrity of the nation seemed to be swinging in the air. The communists had the leader of our nation. If anything happened to Chiang, China would be cast into utter chaos. Day after day we waited for some favorable news. Reports of all kinds came until we hardly knew what to believe. Then came Christmas. All socials were called off. Nothing of the holiday spirit was to be found. We were at dinner Christmas evening when fire-crackers began to sound in every direction. We surmised that good news had come. We sent out the table boy who was serving the meal to find out what it meant. He came back with the report that the Generalissimo had been freed and was on his way to Nanking. Such rejoicing shall not soon be forgotten. The following night the students of Soochow celebrated by having a lantern parade. In all my life I've never seen a prettier sight than that night as I stood upon the park wall and looked down on more than ten thousand lanterns and school banners. I have no words to describe what it was like, but in my storehouse of memories one of the loveliest and happiest is that night. All the holiday spirit that we had missed was crowded into a few brief hours. It was hard to sleep that night."

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MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Stanley Wilson,
2212 Fifteenth Street, Meridian, Miss.

A new office in Mississippi Conference—that of superintendent of Baby Specials.

For several years there has been a growing need for a Conference superintendent of Baby Specials to stimulate the interests of our baby work—a badly neglected phase of our missionary work. At the recent session of the Mississippi Conference held in Yazoo City, recommendations for this office were favored, and I am happy to serve in this capacity.

I am seeking the name and address of every local superintendent of Baby Specials in the Mississippi Conference for my mailing list. The outlook for this work is rapidly growing brighter. I am sure of the cooperation of all auxiliaries and I want you to use me. In case there is no superintendent of Baby Specials, I am urging the presidents of local auxiliaries to see that one is appointed and that her name and address be given me.

I agree with Mrs. Bourne, that there is no work of the Woman's Missionary Council more beautiful or far-reaching than that for babies and little children.

Council is not undertaking any missionary education for children under six years of age. No classes or meetings are planned with their parents, but it is fitting that their parents be informed as to the way their offering is used. Let us urge the use of the mite boxes.

This gift may be made the means of a renewed consecration of the parents and a dedication of their children to the work of the Kingdom.

MRS. LILLIAN B. DAVIS.
Moss Point, Miss.

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Mrs. A. J. Beasley, publicity superintendent, writes that the Vaughan auxiliary, Jackson District, has begun 1937 in the same splendid way in which it closed 1936. At the close of the first quarter, one-fourth of the 1937 pledge was paid. Two of its members, Mrs. H. E. Frizell and Mrs. F. C. Hayden, attended the Council meeting in Columbia, S. C., in March.

During 1936, under the leadership of Mrs. F. C. Hayden, this auxiliary, with a membership of about twenty-five, paid $192 into the Conference treasury. Two adults and one baby were enrolled as Life Members.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

This is the quarter for intensive membership cultivation when we are presenting the challenges of the Missionary Society to all the women of the church. Mrs. Radcliff, vice-president of our Conference, well expresses many of these challenges in the following article which was given at a zone meeting held at Gunnison.

The Challenge of the Woman's Missionary Society

Sometimes I think we ask ourselves the question, "Why do I keep my membership in the W. M. S. What do I find there that stimulates my interest and sustains my loyalty from year to year?" I think we might give two general reasons:

1. It is the official organization of the church built up by the women of the church to meet our own needs and through which we can express our specific interests and use our peculiar abilities.

2. It is our precious heritage. In 1878 a small group of courageous women gathered together $4,000 and sent their first worker to China. The torch has been handed down through the succeeding generations, a sacred charge.

But while we credit all this I think there is more than this. There is a completeness about the work that satisfies every need of every woman, whether her needs are meager or greatly diversified. Then we also find a special challenge for each of us in one or more of the various activities or programs promoted. (I use the words activities and program for want of a better word). Let us scan some of them briefly:

Mission Study. We journey in our fields in Japan, China, Korea, Mexico, Brazil; last year studying the great needs in our home field, and this year in Africa. We are reminded of the crusades of old, they risked everything as they made these pilgrimages, not seeking greater power or more gold, but seeking more religion.

Bible Study. Here we find many books in one, written by many authors over a period of several hundred years. It has been repeatedly attacked, often ignored and the authenticity of various authors questioned. Yet it stands today the recognized best seller on any book shelf. We are, of course, interested in all the Bible history we can find, but most of all we cherish the precious messages in the Book of Life.

Christian Social Relations. Why do we concern ourselves about world peace, women in industry, economic injustice, interracial problems, child labor?

1. Because the ones who suffer most at the hands of these injustices are women and little children.

2. The great call to Christian living is not, primarily, that we may have peace and joy, but that we may help bear the burdens of God. The peace and joy will be by-products that will come as a result of our service.

3. If we are really Christian women we will not be satisfied that our own

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LETTER FROM BISHOP SMITH

My Dear Dr. Duren: As one of the Bishops in the Church, and especially as the director of the second phase of the Bishops' Crusade, I want to thank you for the splendid publicity you gave to the first phase of the movement, which was such a glorious success. Through the cooperation of the editors of the various Conference organs there was not only developed an interest in paying the debt of the Board of Missions, without which cooperation the results could not have even approached the total reached, but there was also created an expectancy and an eager yearning all over the Church with respect to the second phase of the Crusade. My task as director of the Aldersgate Commemoration is lightened beyond all computation because of the fine service rendered in this connection by you and your brother editors.

I believe that we are already in the midst of a great spiritual awakening. Upon all sides there are evidences to that effect.

Very shortly I will send you a statement covering the General Objectives of the second phase of the Crusade, and then, beginning in the early fall, I will send you material from time to time as our plans develop. I know in advance that you will cooperate in this second phase as you did in the first, and for that I thank you, with the hope and prayer that the coming year may bring to all of us, ministers and laity alike, a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Praying God's blessing upon you in all things, and with sincere esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

A. FRANK SMITH.

THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Dear Advocate: The Anti-Saloon League of Louisiana has held what some think was the best meeting in years. The meeting was held Friday, April 23, at the Baptist Bible Institute.

Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs and Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor First Baptist Church, Shreveport, were among those taking part in the discussion and program planning.

A forward-looking program of education and legislation was ordered launched, and a budget of $6,000.00 for the year was set up. A committee on program was appointed, composed of Dr. Dodd, Bishop Dobbs, Dr. Glenn L. Sneed, Dr. C. E. Bordelon, Miss Estie A. Dupree and Leon W. Sloan. This committee was instructed to prepare a statement and appeal to all pastors, civic-minded citizens and religious leaders, as follows.

"We, the trustees of the Anti-Saloon League of Louisiana appeal to you as follows:

"1. The legalized liquor traffic is with us in full force.

"2. The Anti-Saloon League is the one organization at present through which all temperance forces may make a united attack upon this evil.

"3. The League has adopted a twofold program, namely: Education and Legislation. This program has been launched under the leadership of superintendent Leon W. Sloan and Mr. Launcie Rachal, field secretary, for our young people's department—The Olympians.

"4. In spite of very meager funds much success may be checked to the credit of the League leaders in securing legislation on saloon regulation, and to the fact that nine parishes have voted dry since repeal."

"5. We believe that an aggressive advance attack must be made at once.

"6. In order to do so we have adopted the modest budget of $6,000.00.

"7. We therefore appeal to all Sunday schools, churches and other interested groups to give their members an opportunity to make an offering to this cause on the first Sunday of July, 1937, or as near thereto as possible.

"8. We would commend Superintendent Sloan to all friends of this cause with request that he be invited to present this work to their respective groups.

DR. M. E. DODD, pastor First
Baptist Church, Supt. Chm.
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LEON W. SLOAN, Supt.
Committee.

Dr. W. H. Bengtson, pastor 8th St. M. E. C., S., New Orleans, was elected president. Other officers are: Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, 1st vice-president; Dr. M. Dodd, 2nd vice-president; Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president Baptist Bible Institute, 3rd vice-president; Dr. Glenn Sneed. pastor Westminster Presbyterian Ch., 4th vice-president; Miss Estie A. Dupree, Baton Rouge, secretary; Dr. Jno. W. Dickens, New Orleans, treasurer.

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Jackson District—Third Round

Flora, at Flora, May 31, 11 a.m.; Dover, July 7, 5 p.m.
Clinton, at Ridgeland, May 31, 7:30 p.m.
Millsaps College Commencement, June 6.
Fannin, at Pearl Chapel, June 13, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Bolton, at Bolton, June 13, 7:30 p.m.
Benton, at Benton, June 20, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Vaughan, at Union, June 20, 4 p.m.
Morton, at Enterprise, June 27, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Harperville, at Zion, June 27,, 4 p.m.
Canton, June 30, 7:30 p.m.
Lake, at Lawrence, July 4, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Forest, July 4, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Camden, at Forest Grove, July 11, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Grace Church, July 11, 7:30 p.m.
Edinburg, at Goshen, July 14, 11 a.m.
Lena, at Central, July 14, 3:30 p.m.
Madison, at Madison, July 15, 7:30 p.m.
Homewood, at Carr, July 18, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Glendale, July 18, 7:30 p.m.
Shiloh, at Shiloh, Aug. 4, 4 p.m.
Carthage Circuit, Aug. 8, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Carthage Station, Aug. 8, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Millsaps Memorial, Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Mendenhall, at Riles, Aug. 11, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Terry Circuit, Aug. 15, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Florence, at Monterey, Aug. 15, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Bessie Shands Mission, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Raleigh, Aug. 22, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Brandon, at Brandon, Aug. 22, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
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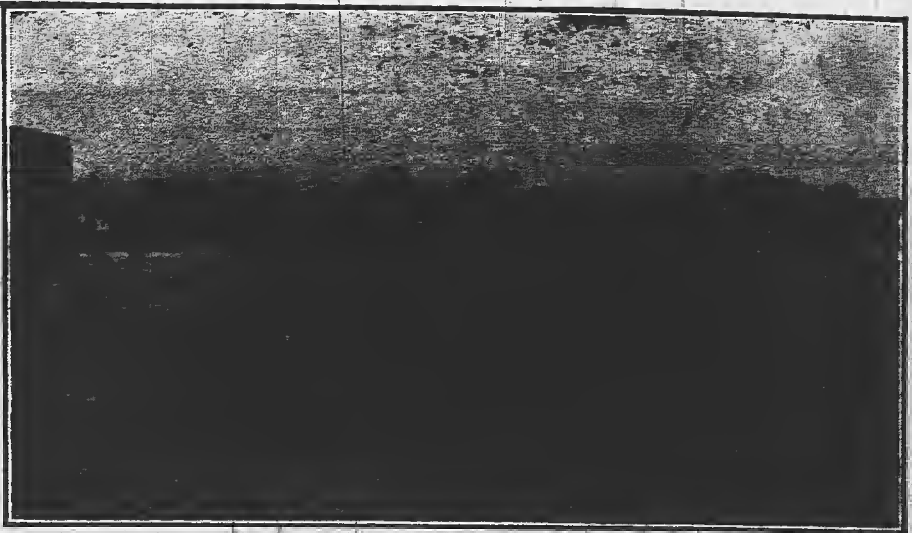

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Vicksburg District—Third Round

Yazoo City, June 6, 9 a.m.
Eden, at Pleasant Hill, June 6, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Roxie, at Greendale, June 13, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Anguilla, at Anguilla, June 20, 11 a.m.; Q. C., at Rolling Fork, 3 p.m.
Rolling Fork and Cary, at Rolling Fork, June 20, 3 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.
Mayersville, at Rolling Fork, June 20, 3 p. m.
Vicksburg, Crawford Street, June 27, 10 a.m.; Aug. 17, 7:45 p.m.
Vicksburg, Gibson Memorial, June 27, 7:45 p.m.; Aug. 25, 7:45 p.m.
Centerville, at Liberty, July 4, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Woodville, July 4, 7:45 p.m.
Nebo, at Blue Hill, July 6, 11 a.m.
Gloster, at Gloster, July 11, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Oak Ridge, at Bradley's Chapel, July 18, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Louise and Holly Bluff, at Louise, July 25, 11 a. m. and 2 p.m.
Silver City, at Straight Bayou, July 25, 3:30 p.m.
Fayette, Aug. 1, 11 a.m.
Lorman, at Lorman, Aug. 1, 4 p.m.
Edwards, at Reeves Chapel, Aug. 8, 11 a.m.
Hermanville, at Pattison, Aug. 15, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Port Gibson, Aug. 15, 5 p.m.
Satartia at Wesley Chapel, Aug. 18, 11 a.m.
Washington, at Kingston, Aug. 22, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Natchez, Aug. 22, 4 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Let each pastor have in duplicate a list of his nominations for members of Board of Christian Education, Church School superintendents, assistant superintendents for Children's, Young People and Adult Divisions, giving the name of the church they are from, with post office address of each. H. A. GATLIN, P. E.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Monroe District—Third Round

Monroe, First Church, preaching, June 6, a.m.; Q. C., July 26, p.m.
West Monroe, preaching, June 6, p.m.; Q. C., July 28, p.m.
Wisner, preaching, June 13, a.m.; Q. C., July 7, p.m.
Winnsboro, preaching, June 13, p.m.; Q. C., July 6, p.m.
Lake Providence, June 20, a.m.; Q. C. at 2:30 p.m.
Rayville, June 20, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Gordon Avenue, June 27, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Oak Ridge, at Crew Lake, July 4, a.m.; Q. C. to be arranged.
Columbia, July 4, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Pioneer, at Floyd, July 11, a.m.; Q. C. at 2 p.m.
Oak Grove, at Kilbourne, July 11, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Mer Rouge, at Bonne I'Dee, July 18, a.m.; Q. C. at 2 p.m.
Bastrop, July 18, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Gilbert, at Boeuf Prairie, July 25, a.m.; Q. C. at 2 p.m.
Mangham, at Little Creek, July 25, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Waterproof, at Wesley Chapel, Aug. 1, a.m.; Q. C. at 2 p.m.
Newellton, Aug. 1, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Delhi-Crowville, at Crowville, Aug. 8, a.m.; Q. C. at 2 p.m.
Tallulah, Aug. 8, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Sterlington-Marion, at Bird's Chapel, Aug. 15, a. m.; Q. C. at 2 p.m.
Swartz-Claiborne, at Claiborne, Aug. 15, p.m.; Q. C. after preaching service.
Bonita, at Bartholomew, Aug. 22, a.m.; Q. C. at 2 p.m.

Kindly remember the following special dates: Pastors' School, June 21-25; Camp Kiroli for young people, July 12-16; Camp Kiroli for Intermediates, July 19-24; Y. P. Assembly, Aug. 2-7. Kindly remember the special educational reports and the questions. Also exhibit church registers at this quarterly conference. H. L. JOHNS, P. E.

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Services at Dedication of Mary Dent Minor Memorial Organ, Macon, Mississippi

The beautiful wooded grounds and buildings of the Methodist church in Macon, Mississippi, was the scene, May 22 and 23, of interesting and significant ceremonies connected with the presentation of a magnificent pipe organ by Judge Dent Minor, of Memphis, Tenn., in memory of his mother, Mary Dent Minor. Judge Minor was "raised" in this church and its Sunday School, becoming a member of it in his early youth.

Saturday afternoon, the 22nd, the church held open-house for Judge Minor and his friends, which drew together many people from the local community and also many former members of the church from other parts of Mississippi and from adjoining states, who gathered once again at this scene of their early religious training and greeted Judge Minor and friends of other days.

The organ was built for this particular church by George Kilgen Company of St. Louis, Missouri, and was installed by Mr. Earl O'Mara of that firm.

The first Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Macon was founded in 1852 and remodeled in 1897. In 1928 the Sarah J. Ames Memorial Sunday School Annex was built. The spacious and well appointed building is located at the county seat of Noxubee, and the church has always been one of the largest and best in the state. Such were the character and standing of its founders and their successors, that it is not too much to say that no other institution in Noxubee County has so long and so much influenced the life and development of the people. From this church have gone forth men and women who became prominent and distinguished in many sections of the United States. Some attained international reputation.

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Wallet of the Week

THE AVERAGE AGE OF CRIMINALS at the beginning of the century and at the present time is the subject of a rather disturbing comparison which was given out recently. In 1900, says the report, the average age of criminals was forty, but today it is twenty-three. This lowering of the criminal age average is bad enough, but the report says further that forty per cent of the atrocious crimes committed in this country are by youths still in their teens. Surely these figures should cause church folk serious and sober reflection.

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SECTARIAN EXCLUSIVENESS is usually attributed to convictions regarding doctrines and dogmas, but a recent writer holds that it is often an expression of human weaknesses. The Pharisees were instanced as separatists whose practice of exclusiveness was based upon distinctions which were largely superficial, while community values such as justice, mercy and faith were ignored. Jesus called such "blind guides," but the modern term for such an attitude is snobbishness. It is a factor in all forms of selfishness from social exclusiveness to crime.

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IN WISCONSIN AND PENNSYLVANIA bills have been introduced into the legislatures to prohibit discrimination against persons because of race, color or creed by operators of public establishments and semi-public institutions. These bills are said to have the support of churches and other religious and liberal groups. One wonders if history encourages us to look for permanent moral and social progress through processes of political coercion. Is it not true that a morality which is not founded upon an individual sense of right is of doubtful value?

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POLISH NATIONALISM seems to be manifesting the anti-Semitic tendency so prevalent in Europe. The Polish Medical Association decision to exclude all Jews was quickly followed by regulations adopted by the Lawyers Association which will practically eliminate Jewish lawyers from the profession. The trend is made all the more serious by the fact that there was an overwhelming majority for exclusion. It is said that the National Unity Organization has drafted regulations which will virtually remove Jews from participation in the political affairs of the country.

THE PROBLEM OF THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES is graphically portrayed by an array of figures recently given out by Dr. W. T. Clements, general secretary of the New York Council of Churches and Religious Education. The figures show that Protestant churches have seventy million sittings, but only twenty-seven million members, and that not more than one-fourth of the members attend church on any given Sunday. It might have been said, too, that more than two-thirds of those who do attend are women.

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BRAZILIAN POLITICS came to the fore recently when government forces broke up a revolutionary plot which was being formed in one of the southern provinces. President Vargas outmanoeuvered his political rival and left him with only a small and unimportant body of malcontents. There was no open violence, but the situation is described as being "delicate." It is an example of the suddenness with which revolutionary movements develop in South America. It is easier to repress violence than it is to cure the spirit of defection.

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IN A GREEK ORTHODOX MONASTERY, located on a mile-high mountain in the Aegean Sea, has been discovered a rare illustrated manuscript which Professor Albert M. Friend says proves that John of Damascus, an eighth century theologian, was both "the father of Byzantine music and the father of Byzantine art." The manuscript in question is a thirteenth century copy of a manuscript made by John of Damascus while at the monastery of St. Sabba, near Jerusalem. It furnishes a valuable link in the history of Byzantine music and art.

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MAJOR-GENERAL SIR HENRY THUILLER, of Great Britain, proposes that Palestine be made a base for an International Police Force of the air. He argues that it is the strategic center of the world, and that nearly all parts of Europe, Western Asia, and Northern Africa would be accessible by air from that base. Perhaps it might be better to think of Palestine as a "strategic center" of moral and spiritual values, rather than as being well located for purposes of destruction. From that center nearly two thousand years ago, there issued a message of universal peace and good will whose echoes have never died out. We prefer to keep the golden message of the heavenly host.

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EDITORIAL

A TEACHING MINISTRY

The Christian Church began in a telling of the good news, and naturally preaching was one of the earliest developments of its ministry. Then with organization and an ordered form of worship, priestly activities became a fixture in the ministerial vocation. But Christianity could not hope to maintain itself in a world religiously organized and largely hostile to its spiritual and social concepts without the added function of teaching. The necessity for justifying its claims and for making authoritative its appeals resulted in a decided emphasis upon teaching. But the church became influential and established, and its ministry was thrust into a place of leadership—an inevitable consequence of its preparation and prestige. As a result of the predominance of the leadership emphasis, the teaching responsibility of the ministry has suffered and the life of the church has been impoverished. One often hears a note of complaint to the effect that the rank and file of the membership are not grounded in the doctrines of Christianity, and that they have no substantial foundation for the loyalty demanded of them. We believe that such a complaint is not always a baseless criticism. The absorption of the interest and energy of the ministry in leadership problems tends to submerge interest in the teaching activities of the office. That fact registers immediately in the spiritual understanding and in the doctrinal intelligence of the people. It has also a no less positive reaction upon the ministry itself. The word of Jesus concerning the hireling shepherd who fled when the sheep were attacked is an oft-quoted reproach. But is the hireling spirit produced alone by employment with a money consideration? May it not be produced by anything which cheapens our sense of relation? We are not certain that leadership does not take something from our intensely personal interest in our flock. If the ministry fail to teach, it may as well be prepared for a failure in the loyalty and devotion of the people which may ultimately rob the church of the distinguishing marks of our Christianity.

QUESTION MARK EVANGELISM

George Eliot once wrote that people rejoice in degradation because it is the satire which they best understand. It sometimes seems that people even enjoy debunking and berating themselves. So the plea for the recovery of the fervor and spiritual power of the past often begins with a wail little less than a wholesale indictment of the church. What is the matter with the church? What is the matter with the ministry? What is the matter with the young people? Such questions are echoing around the world today, and it is perfectly proper to ask them as approaches to a constructive solution of any real problem that might exist. If, however, such questions end with merely discrediting the means of progress they are at least of doubtful value. Many a pious tirade spends itself in opening pots of spoiled ointment without discovering other things that may be of permanent value. In the anointing at Bethany, a woman with a past was pointed out, but in her heart was a spirit of love and in her hands a sacrificial gift which became an immortal memorial. Not infrequently severe passages of Scripture are invoked to bolster a question mark evangelism, but it is not made more wholesome or helpful by such use of Scripture. The narrow and deficient method of the Pharisee was built upon a legalistic interpretation of Scripture, but it did not escape a withering denunciation at the hands of Jesus. A gospel of criticism is often found upon the lips of sincere people, and it sometimes appears that for them the fountain of enthusiasm and faith has dried up. Elijah, the fugitive prophet, discounted the resources of God even after the most signal triumph ever recorded. It is not necessary to pare down the gospel to meet the demands of sinful men, but a question mark evangelism will never win the world. Christianity is a message of help and good cheer. It begins with a searching arraignment of sin, but it ends in the message of redeeming love and grace. Let us preach a whole gospel, the need for repentance and forgiveness, but no less positively the gospel of hope for which the bruised and broken hearts of men look and long.

THE UNIFICATION DISCUSSION

In this issue we publish an "Interpretation" of the Plan of Union by Bishop John M. Moore. Next week we purpose to publish an address by Bishop Denny and Hon. Collins Denny, Jr., on "The Legal Action Required to Adopt the Plan of Methodist Union." The following week we expect to publish a reply to the address by Bishop John M. Moore. In addition to these, we have four other papers on various phases of the subject. Nearly all of these papers are too long for our space limits, but we wish to be entirely fair to the parties to the issue, and as respects the importance of the subject under consideration. We have not fixed any arbitrary limits for the discussion, as some have done, and it is not our mind to do so. Our friends must not assume, however, that we can afford to neglect every other interest of the Church for the discussion of the Plan of Union. We have no intention of entering into debate with our contributors, but we reserve the right to pass upon the eligibility of material for our columns—as to length, temper, priority right, etc. We may make some mistakes, we shall be surprised if we do not, but we beg of our friends on both sides that they accord to us the same fair play which they seek for themselves. We make no concealment of our own position. We have supported unification from the beginning and we will continue to do so. We will endeavor to be just and fair in our use of space in the paper.

THEY DON'T READ IT

Who has not heard the words of this caption as the explanation of an attitude toward the periodical literature of the church? If the editor's pen happens to slip, he has occasion to wonder if there may be any who do not read it. Recently, an insurance man and a banker volunteered the information that he noticed occasionally in the Advocate a letter from an old uncle of his—a superannuate preacher who is ninety-one years old. Another man who has been a subscriber to the paper for many years, sought us out and was surprised to find that we were older than he had imagined from reading the Advocate. A lawyer complained because we had eliminated a certain feature, but spoke enthusiastically of other features. Another lawyer whom we have never met wrote us a letter and quoted several editorial expressions and cited other interesting and helpful departments. All this occurred in a single week and it may be taken as a fair presentation of the evidence that the paper is being read. We know that it is not read with the same degree of interest and care by every subscriber, but we believe that it has a fair reading among our people. We appre- [illegible] and we believe that the Advocate is having a wider reading than many people think.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

PUDDLES, MUDHOLES, AND PONDS

Filed away somewhere in memory's cabinet is the recollection of a geographer's classification of the water on the earth's surface into "lakes, rivers, and oceans." So far as we know, that classification may still hold good—at least, we have no quarrel with it; but, as we have extended our observation and increased our experience, we wish to propose an educational category—not scientific, perhaps, but accurate nevertheless. We are more familiar with puddles, mudholes, and ponds than we are with lakes, rivers, and oceans.

Everybody knows that a puddle is a small pool of dirty water. Pools are frequently seen—and stepped in—after a hard rain. Any slight depression in the earth's surface may easily become a puddle after even a shower.

A mudhole is deeper, dirtier, and more likely to spoil the disposition than a puddle. The main accent is on "mud," though "hole" is not to be slurred. To understand fully the meaning of the term, try to drive a car through a mudhole in a buckdough road. There's where you get stuck!

A pond, technically, is a body of water smaller than a lake. Just how small—or how large—that is, is hard to say. Conversely, of course, a lake is a body of water larger than a pond. (Dictionaries can be so exasperating!).

We have a pond on our premises. It is a beautiful little body of water. It is fed by an artesian well, clear as crystal. It is not very deep, and the bottom is covered with sand and gravel. Its banks are rather steep, but covered with grass to the water's edge. On the east side are two willows, and, further back, on all sides are stately oaks and big pecan trees.

The pond is attractive to birds. They drink from it, and bathe in it. Kingfishers and killdeers and little blue herons visit it; and occasionally in the winter a flock of wild ducks will light on it.

The pond has fish in it, and minnows, which eat wiggletails—so there are no mosquitoes. Two or three—a thousand, from the noise they make—bullfrogs live in it, and scores of springfrogs sit on its banks and holler for rain! It is just the nicest kind of pond.

But it has some mudturtles in it.

It would be a perfect pond but for them. We wish we could get rid of them.

What a fine world this would be if there were no "mudturtles" in it!

THE PLAN OF METHODIST UNION

AN INTERPRETATION

By Bishop John M. Moore,
Chairman of the Commission of the
Methodist Episcopal Church South.

The bishops in their Episcopal Address to the General Conference of 1934 said on the subject of Methodist Union, "We have been looking toward ultimate union for a long time. We need to move toward it, and in a way that will effectively promote the interests of all American Methodism. National life and creative church life call for unity and solidarity. Protestantism in this country greatly needs in this day the momentum of a great uniting movement in the mobilization of the ecclesiastical forces of the same origin, same policy, same belief, same spirit, and same purpose."

That General Conference, moved by that sentiment and the recommendation of the Commission on Interdenominational Relations that had been in existence since 1930, appointed a commission of five bishops, ten other ministers and ten laymen to act with a similar commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a commission of nine ministers and six laymen of the Methodist Protestant Church, to work out a plain of union of these three Churches. The joint commission had as the controlling motive and directing principle the uniting of these three Churches and of these three only, the bringing together of what is in them and making a united Church out of the constituent elements already existing in them. This was to be a united Methodist Church, and not a reformed Methodist Church, and innovations or reformations were not to be written into the plan of union. The plan as produced has in it what exists now in one, or two, or all three of these Churches, and nothing else. It may be examined and studied with that understanding in mind.

The Joint Commission in its study of the three Churches found that the doctrines of each were common to all; that each Church has Church, quarterly, district, Annual and General Conferences of like powers and duties; that the Methodist Episcopal Church has Central Conferences in foreign lands; that the two larger Churches have an episcopacy of like plan, powers, privileges and duties; that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has a Judicial Council; that the Methodist Protestant Church has emphasized since its beginning the equal standing of laymen and ministers in the government of the Church, and a representative of each pastoral charge in the Annual Conference; that the Methodist Episcopal Church has no laymen in the Annual Conference, but it has a Lay Conference to meet with the Annual Conference; that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has lay representatives from the District Conference in the Annual Conference. All these elements and distinctive principles have been duly considered and assimilated in the plan.

The General Conference

The General Conference in the plan of union is given just the place, the powers, and the restrictions which it now has in the Methodist Episcopal Church. and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with the one exception that the bishops are not to be elected by it but by the Jurisdictional Conferences. It is good to keep that in mind. Our General Conference—and so does that of the Methodist Episcopal Church—now defines and fixes the conditions, privileges and duties of Church membership; the powers and duties of Annual, district, quarterly and church conferences; the power, duties and privileges of bishops, and provides for their support, their superannuation and discontinuance. It provides a system of judicial procedure, directs all connectional activities and enterprises, and provides for raising funds necessary to carry on the connectional work of the Church. The General Conference of the united Church will do that. It can do nothing, however, that our General Conference cannot do, and it can do as much. It is subject to the same limitations and restrictions that have existed in the Church since 1808. For instance, it can "define and fix the powers, duties and privileges of the Episcopacy," but it cannot "change or alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away Episcopacy or destroy the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency." That is, it can do the former only so far as it does not transgress the latter. There is no contradiction in that. Besides, this has been going on this way for over a century, and in our Church from its organization. The General Conference is, has been and will be, the great law making body of Methodism and the great constructive power of the Church.

The General Conference in the new Church will not be the interpreter of the constitutionality of its own acts. Our Church in all negotiations for union has always insisted that it should not be, and since 1870, it has had a body to arrest any legislation of the General Conference that was unconstitutional. The Judicial Council in the new Church, as now in ours, is charged with that responsibility, and the General Conference will not be supreme in the united Methodist Church any more than it is now in our Church.

The Constitution

Some persons have asked, "What is the constitution of the new Church? The plan alludes to the constitution but does not say what it is."

This is a proper question. But what is the constitution of our Church? We know what it is, even if we have never set it forth in a documentary statement. The Methodist Episcopal Church has a documentary constitution, and it includes the Articles of Religion, the General Rules and articles on organization and government which embrace pastoral charges, the conferences, the restrictive rules and procedure in making amendments. The Plan of Union in its four divisions cover just these things, and they become constitutional provisions and principles. It is being adopted by the constitutional process of the respective churches. Evidently, the constitution of the new Church is well defined in the Plan itself. In fact the Plan in its four divisions is the constitution until another is adopted by the constitutional process.

The Jurisdictional Conference

The Jurisdictional Conference is a new provision in Methodist government, but it is in reality not a new principle nor an innovation. Its underlying principles exist and are applied to a large degree in the Central Conferences in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Central Conference was adopted in 1928 to meet the need of an administrative and promotional unit in foreign lands because of distances and the variety of peoples and conditions. It was created to meet a need, a very great need. That is exactly true of the Jurisdictional Conference. With this union the Methodist Church will in reality become a national Church, occupying as it will our entire national territory, and embracing eight million and more communicants with a wide variety of life, thought, culture, history, and civilization. The spread between the Annual Conference and the General Conference is too great for the most intelligent, practical and efficient administration. An intervening administrative and promotional unit is absolutely needed, and it is provided in the Jurisdictional Conference. It will elect the bishops because its members will know the men in its area who are qualified to be bishops, whereas the members of the General Conference from all over this country could not have this personal knowledge of the proper men. It will have promotional units or boards for carrying on the proposed activities of the general agencies of the Church. It will have such legislative powers as its promotional and regional administrative responsibilities may require. It is an essential unit in the work of a great Church such as the new Methodist Church will be. The Central Conference idea became the basis for the development of the Jurisdictional Conference.

The Judicial Council

The Judicial Council in our Church has the double responsibility of being a committee on appeals in the case of trials of ministers, and of being a committee on arrest of the legislation by the General Conference which violates the constitution, and also on arrest of any action of connectional boards that may go beyond their rights and powers. The Plan of Union puts the matter of appeals in the case of trials in the Jurisdictional Conferences for practical reasons. The mat-

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Our good friend, Rev. P. B. McCullen, sends us a list which more than completes the quota for Plain Dealing charge. He is credited with twenty-five subscriptions, and that achievement is just one of many evidences of the splendid work which he does everywhere.. We thank Brother McCullen and we hope that his people may find both pleasure and profit in the paper.

A note from Rev. Alonzo Early accompanies a remittance, and it gives assurance that his entire quota will be met in the Advocate campaign.

Rev. D. F. Anders, of Oil City, sends a list of eight subscriptions and reports good progress in his work. He asks us to say that his address is Oil City—not Mooringsport.

Mr. C. O. Holland, of Minden, was the Commencement speaker at Normal College, Natchitoches, last week. Brother Holland, who is the lay leader of the Conference, is an alumnus of that institution.

Rev. G. A. Morgan, pastor at Winnfield, is in the midst of his Advocate campaign, and he is making it a real campaign. He very generously gave a service to the Advocate and is now following up with a personal canvass.

We thank Brother J. W. Faulk, of Leesville, for his more than generous words of appreciation. We would not dare to claim all that he credits us with, but we appreciate his loyalty and good will which has been unfailing.

Rev. R. V. Fulton, Springfield charge, has paid his assessment for District Work in full, and has about one-third of his benevolences. That is an excellent record for that charge and we congratulate both Brother Fulton and his people.

One evening last week, we chanced to run upon Rev. M. S. Monk, of First Church, Alexandria. He had made a hurried trip to the city and was boarding the train for his return to Alexandria. He was in good spirits and we never saw him look better.

We appreciate the invitation of Mr. Benjamin F. Rogers, Jr., to be present at his graduation from Lake Charles High School, May 28. We are sorry that it was not possible to attend and we wish him a future filled with happiness and crowned with worthy success.

Dr. W. L. Doss, Jr., Lake Charles, has added fifty members to his church since Conference. At the present time, the church building is being treated for termites. Dr. Doss reports that the current expenses of the church are pretty well up with the exception of the benevolences.

The Methodist church at Sexton's Chapel has received thirty copies of the New Methodist Hymnal, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaffer and Mr. T. C. Clanton, of First Church, Shreveport. The gift is in honor of Dr. and Mrs. George S. Sexton, for whom the church is named.

Our good friend, Rev. A. L. Gilmore, of Lafayette, carried a very much appreciated reference to the editor recently, as an introduction for his Advocate campaign. In addition to the calendar of his Sunday services, his bulletin gives a very informing exhibit of the growth of the Church School.

Rev. E. C. Dufresne was his own evangelist in a meeting at Ferriday. The meeting began on April 29 and ran through Mother's Day. The meeting featured special services at which various civic and social organizations were guests. Twenty-five members were added to the church.

Rev. B. C. Taylor, pastor at Homer, sends a check to cover subscriptions for six hospitals in the Ruston District. He does not say so, but we presume that these subscriptions are sent by the District as a whole. We appreciate the subscriptions and we hope that many hearts may be cheered by the paper.

Mr. W. A. McKinnon, of Shreveport, is in the Shumpert Sanitarium of that city following a serious operation which was performed nearly two weeks ago. Brother McKinnon has been ill for some time and the depletion of his strength is retarding his recovery. We join with many friends in the hope and prayer that he may soon be entirely well again.

A happy moment in the session of the Baton Rouge District Conference last week was provided by public burning of the note against the district parsonage. The debt of two thousand dollars has been paid in full by Brother J. H. Bowdon during the year and a half that he has been presiding elder. We congratulate both Brother Bowdon and his people on the happy ending of the matter.

NOTICE

Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs authorizes the following announcement:

Because of continued ill health the Rev. Walter Clark, local preacher, has been released from the Pearl River charge. The Rev. Karl Tooke, of S. M. U., has been appointed to the Pearl River charge to finish out the year. This is effective June 1, 1937.

REVIVAL AT FERRIDAY

The church at Ferriday with Rev. E. C. Dufresne as pastor has enjoyed a gracious revival which began on April 29 and closed on Mother's Day.

The official board requested that our pastor do the preaching, and he consented to do this, engaging Rev. Otis Spinks to lead the song service and bring us special messages in song.

Special services with different organizations as guests throughout the week added to the already splendid attendance drawn by Rev. Dufresne's forceful and inspirational messages.

On Friday, May 7, members of Delta Chapter together with their guests from Sicily Island attended in a body at the evening service, this being the time of the official visit of District Deputy Grand Matron, Miss Blanche Wilson of Sicily Island. Miss Wilson was outspoken in her praise for the services later at a meeting of the chapter.

To say our revival was a success could not convey to our readers just what a blessing this meeting was to our city. A splendid spirit of cooperation prevailed with churches of all denominations in Ferriday and a number of our Jewish friends who attended.

There were 25 accessions to the church, making a total of 36 members during this year.

The meeting came to a close with the beautiful and impressive Mother's Day service.

On June 7 a Vacation Bible School begins, a few days after school closes.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Brother Dufresne in our church.

MRS. W. A. HALL.

FIRST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS

First Methodist Church, New Orleans, is in the midst of a campaign to pay the entire indebtedness of the church, and to have Bishop Dobbs dedicate the building on June 13, the 112th anniversary of the founding of this church and Methodism in this city. The debt has been on the church since the building of the present structure in 1906, and at present the congregation is making an heroic effort to raise the $8,000 now due. All has been raised with the exception of $1,000, and the members and friends of the church are working hard to complete this fund by the time set for dedication. Contributions from friends of the church will be appreciated. All former pastors are cordially invited to attend the dedication services, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, June 13.

W. H. WALLACE, Pastor.

FISH AND THE LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Dear Dr. Duren: Today has been one of the happiest that the preachers of the Lake Charles District have ever enjoyed. The occasion was a "fish fry," given by Dr. B. F. Rogers, presiding elder, and his good wife. All the preachers of the District and their wives were guests, and did we have a good time, or did we? We were all invited to meet at the bridge across the Calcasieu River,, on the road to DeRidder from Lake Charles, Thursday morning and enjoy the day and were instructed to bring nothing but ourselves. Well, it goes without saying that we all had a good time, for any who fails to enjoy the fellowship of the brethren and their wives of the Lake Charles District, when such a fine elder as we have is in charge, does not know what good fellowship is.

I have never seen more and better fish placed before a group of folks in my life than we had today. There was more than we could devour, and when you think of such men as J. W. Faulk and W. W. Perry having all they want, you will know that little fellows like Billie Pomeroy and J. D. Fomby had sufficient. Yes, it was a great feast. (Please do not let Dr. H. T. Carley hear about this, as it will make him homesick for the Pelican streams).

In addition to the fish and everything that goes with such a feast, there was coffee (again don't tell Carley), ice water and other cold drinks, such as preachers always enjoy.

Now, Dr. Duren, I have the funniest thing to tell you: For dessert, the elder called us close up to him and reminded all of us of our Advocate quotas. Now, really, do you think he should have done such a thing as that, while we were all so happy? Well, he did, and still we are happy, and went away from the fish fry with new zeal and a determination to do our best at whatever task is before us.

The preachers' wives called Mrs. Rogers to the front soon after the feast, and Mrs. W. L. Doss, Jr., acting as spokesman, presented her with a dozen sterling silver coffee spoons, to which Mrs. Rogers gracefully responded.

There were present to enjoy the delightful feast and fellowship, besides the preachers and their wives, Brother A. M. Mayo, who is always at home in such a gathering, and a Mr. Hulburt, of Lake Charles, and Mrs. Rogers' mother and several children.

There is nearly always a sadness connected with such an occasion as this, especially when we realize that this is the last year in which Dr. Rogers and his wife will be with us as our leaders in the District.

I have never seen a group of preachers more fond of their presiding elder than those in the Lake Charles District. His going will be our loss, for truly he is a good general and the people gladly follow him.

REPORTER.

JACKSON, LOUISIANA

Dear Advocate: Your reports from the field have been coming in freely all the year, and you may regard this as a little tardy, but its lateness gives it the distinction of a garden spot instead of a sprig. We are still in the midst of the many splendid activities that have been going on at Jackson and Ethel since the year began. A happy spirit with greater activities and greater attendance are in evidence both at Jackson and at Ethel. Pre-Easter services were conducted in both churches. We have taken seven into the church to date.

At Jackson, the church yard and the parsonage yard have been transformed into a beautiful lawn of flowers and mowed sod, with overhanging lights, where the congregation will enjoy entertainments. At Ethel, the church is being repaired and painted, and the men's social meeting has been revived.

Both congregations went over the top in the Bishops' Crusade collections, and the financial program of the year has been placed at about 25 per cent over that of last year. We are taking care of the whole schedule.

We have a fine spirit of cooperation among the churches. Since the beginning of the year we are having union services every fifth Sunday night. From the 7th to the 18th of June the three Protestant churches are to unite in a Daily Vacation Bible School. After that, following immediately, the Methodists and the Presbyterians are to unite in a revival meeting. Our excellent musical talent is organizing for greater musical programs.

We are happy to report a forward move all the way along the line, with a richer spirit of Divine service permeating the lives of a devoted people.

With every good wish for the Advocate, we are,

Faithfully yours,
H. B. HINES, Pastor.

WHAT CAN THE LAYMAN DO TO HELP IN AN ALARMING SITUATION?

By A Layman

This article is an appeal primarily to the laymen and lay women of our great Southern Methodist Church for assistance, in protest against a situation developing in our Church School literature, that unless we act and act NOW, will sooner or later destroy the very foundations upon which our Christianity rests, in the minds of thousands.

The writer refers to the unbiblical utterances that are appearing altogether too frequently—once is too often—in the Sunday School Magazine and Adult Student.

Writers are making statements that tend to discredit a belief in the truth of God's Holy Word with impunity, and at least in one instance contradict the plain statement found in the Bible.

In the exposition of the lesson on the casting out of the demons from the Gadarene demoniac by the Saviour, it was stated that psychology was used by the Master, to just recover from "his **thought** of being demon possessed" and "RAN among the hogs and they ran into the sea and destroyed themselves."

Another writer states that Paul was mistaken in his early New Testament writings on a certain subject, and corrected or at least ignored the subject in his later writings—and that John who wrote in later years became disillusioned and did not mention the subject, yet Revelations written about the same date as his epistle is full of the subject mentioned.

Another writer stated in an article, on the Bible, that the Bible was not written to tell about history or science, which is true, but the veiled implication was that we could trust the Holy Spirit in spiritual matters but on these others, not so. This same writer recommended for **young people** a study of one of Mr. Fosdick's books on the Bible which is both contradictory and faith destroying.

The writer has written the editor several letters, and finally received a letter which in effect was that the editor did not attempt to control the writings and statements of the lesson commentators. If he doesn't, who else can?

The writer then personally interviewed one high up in the Church and asked his influence in stopping these statements. He was told that if I protested against these things I would do more harm than good, and that I should be "open-minded" and that our young people are coming

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Mississippi Conference

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Mrs. S. C. Hinton, Bay Springs, sends us a splendid list of subscriptions from that charge, which we appreciate very sincerely.

Rev. J. C. Jackson, pastor at Daleville, sends a list of subscriptions and assures us that he expects to secure his full quota. We sincerely appreciate his loyalty and resolution.

Rev. E. A. Kelly, of Shubuta, lacks only two subscriptions of completing his quota for the charge, and he expects to complete it and possibly to exceed the number assigned to him.

Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs appeared four times on the Whitworth College commencement program last week. He spoke twice on Sunday and delivered addresses on Monday and Tuesday following.

Rev. H. A. Gatlin, the faithful and energetic presiding elder of the Vicksburg District, assures us that he is going to try to reach his Advocate quota. The campaign is now on in his District.

Mrs. Myrtle Triplett, of Dossville, writes that she has been a reader of the Advocate for forty years or more and she finds pleasure in it still and looks forward to its coming with pleasant anticipations.

Rev. Arva C. Floyd, recently a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Japan, has been elected Professor of Missions in Candler School of Theology. He succeeds Dr. W. J. Young who retired in 1934.

Rev. Seth W. Granberry is one of the younger men of the Conference, but he is making a good beginning in his ministry. His work thus far gives promise of an effective and worthy career. He is pastor of the New Augusta charge.

Rev. J. H. Jolly reports the best revival at Grace church, Jackson, during his pastorate there. The preacher was Rev. Ira E. Williams, of Tylertown, and the song service was led by J. Melvin Jones, assistant at Galloway Memorial church.

Workers in the Children's Division in Seashore District held a very successful Institute at Ocean Springs recently, according to the **Inst—Tooter**, a breezy little bulletin which has reached our desk. Vancleave charge was the winner of the attendance banner given by the Institute.

Mr. L. T. Ficklin, of Saucier, and Mrs. Jennie McArthur, of McHenry, were married on April 25, the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. E. Vickers. Both are loyal Methodists and Brother Ficklin is the Lay Leader of the Seashore District. Mr. and Mrs. Ficklin will reside in McHenry.

Mrs. F. W. Sharbrough, Holly Bluff, sends us a subscription for Mrs. S. W. Sharbrough and states that she expects to secure more subscribers. She failed to indicate the charge, and we cannot give credit until we know the charge. This refers only to the campaign credit. The paper will go promptly.

Dr. Rolfe Hunt, who makes his superannuate home in Jackson, had the very great pleasure of baptizing his grandson, Rolfe Lanier Hunt, whose father was for sixteen years on the editorial staff of the Board of Education in Nashville, and whose mother was Miss Martha Wise. Dr. Hunt says that he has about 100 namesakes scattered about in several states.

Rev. D. E. Vickers says that he has held three revival meetings this year on the Saucier charge, has had a number of conversions, and added twenty members to the churches. Dr. E. C. Wright, of Chicago, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, gave a series of illustrated Bible lectures and Brother Vickers speaks very highly of the interesting and helpful character of the course, which ran through eight days.

VAN CLEAVE VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The first Vacation Church School to be held in the Seashore District was held at the Vancleave Methodist church on May 3-8, with thirty boys and girls attending, ranging from the ages of two to sixteen. We are glad to note that we did not have a decrease in attendance but a gradual increase from nineteen the first day to thirty on the closing day, saying nothing of the interested visitors who came in from day to day and joined heartily in our work, recreation and social hour.

This was the first Vacation Church School ever to be held in Vancleave or in the Vancleave charge and it was enjoyed by all who attended, including children of other denominations and heartily approved by the Local Board of Christian Education, the teachers who worked with the children, the missionary society, who furnished refreshments, and the parents, who were very much pleased by the work that was done and the progress that was made. As a result of this School, we feel that a much greater interest is being shown in our Sunday School and church work in general, and because of this manifested interest and the approval of the Church, we expect to hold this school next year with a possibly longer term and a greater number in attendance. Those working in the School were: Mrs. L. R. Abel, Intermediates; Mrs. Burton Roberts, Juniors; Miss Maude Spaulding, Primaries, and Mrs. F. O. Allen, Beginners, with Rev. Nix as general supervisor. Because favorable weather permitted, at least half of each day's session was spent in finding God in the great out-of-doors and seeing His works in all nature. This School was brought to a successful close on Saturday, May 8, followed by a Mother's Day program on May 9, with all Vacation Church School pupils taking part.

There is a feeling in our hearts that much good has been done toward forming a more cooperative spirit among the children and creating a more Christian attitude among one another. We hope and believe that through our prayers and faithful workers this spirit will continue to live and grow and that more and more interest will continue to be shown in our church work.

MRS. F. O. ALLEN.

THE PLAN OF METHODIST UNION

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ter of arrest of legislation by the General Conference or any act of the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences that violate the constitution is assigned to the Judicial Council. It passes upon the decisions of law made by the bishops in Annual and District Conferences. The Council has no veto power such as the Federal and State Executives have because of their opposition to a measure. Its powers are appellate and its function is strictly interpretative of law as relates to bishops' decisions, and of legislation as relates to the constitution of the Church. The Council will evidently be carefully constituted of well informed, reasonable, and reasoning persons and can be very useful in guiding the regulative acts of the Church.

The Episcopacy

The Episcopacy in the Methodist Church is to be of like plan, powers, privileges, and duties as now exist in the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The bishops are to be elected by the respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences, and ordained or consecrated in the historic manner of Episcopal Methodism at such time and place as may be fixed by the General Conference. All that is very plain. That is a very sensible way to elect bishops. The electors can know the men and their qualifications. With that condition the temptation of political combinations will be reduced to the minimum. Why say "ordained or consecrated?" Because some Methodists want the one word and some want the other, and there is no common agreement as to the meaning of the two words. The high-church Episcopalians use the word "consecrate;" the low church Baptists use the word "ordain." This sacred ceremony of induction into the Episcopacy of all who are elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences taking place at some central location would be impressive, not only to the community but to the entire denomination. Will the bishops be general superintendents under the restrictions of election by and for a Jurisdictional conference? We think so. They will be general superintendents as much as bishops are today under the area and district assignment system. "There shall be a Council of Bishops composed of all the bishops and this Council shall meet at least once a year and plan for the general oversight and promotion of the temporal and spiritual interests of the entire Church and for carrying into effect the rules, regulations prescribed and enjoined by the General Conference." What more could General Superintendents in this day do? The Council of Bishops will be a highly important body in the leadership and administration of the entire Church. It will be a real General Superintendency giving constant general oversight. The provision for emergency service insures prompt action such as emergency will require, and that for the transfer of the bishops from one Jurisdictional Conference to another gives desirable flexibility under adequate protection. While the residential and presidential supervision of Bishops is to be in the Jurisdictional Conferences that elected them yet a Bishop may be transferred to some other Jurisdictional Conference for that service but only upon the request of that Jurisdictional Conference. A Bishop may be assigned temporarily to another Jurisdiction other than his own but only upon the consent of the majority of the Bishops in that Jurisdiction. These provisions give desirable flexibility under adequate protection.

The Negro Membership

In the united Methodist Church with 8,000,000 members the Negro membership will be 325,000. The Methodist Episcopal Church has 19 Negro Annual Conferences, and the Methodist Protestant Church has two. There are three groups of persons who are sensitive over the status of the Negro membership in the united Church; the Southern people, the Northern people and the Negro people. Only a well balanced provision for the Negro memberhsip would be acceptable to all and give any plan of union any chance of adoption. The Joint Commission knew this, and they endeavored to make a provision that is normal, considerate, fair, and proper; normal as to existing relations, considerate of the feelings and attitudes of all three groups, fair as regards the general structure of the plan, and proper in the purpose of the commission to bring together just what now exists in the three Churches; and they believe they have done this. The Negro membership now have their own conferences, their own churches and their own ministers. The Negro bishops have always been elected on separate ballots from those on which white bishops were elected. This form of separation has existed in the Methodist Episcopal Church for almost 70 years. The Negro Annual Conferences have proportionate representation in the General Conference. The Plan of Union does not alter the existing status in any respect. With the creation of Jurisdictional Conferences it was normal and proper for the Negro Annual Conferences to be given one, of like plan and power with those for the white conferences. There is no discrimination here. The separation is just what now exists, and has long existed in their own denomination. They will now have a united body of their own, for the protection and promotion of their own interests, a thing they have never had before. They will elect their own bishops, without the assistance or interference of white people. They will set up their own agencies and choose their own leaders for their own administrative and promotional unit. They will have as before their proportionate representation in the quadrennial General Conference, the law making body of the entire Church. They lose nothing that they ever had and gain much of very high value to them. They will be separated in their churches, their Annual Conference and their Jurisdictional Conference from the white churches and conferences of the South, where the vast majority of them live, but they will have the sympathy and good will of the white Methodists of the South. It does not seem that the Negro people, the Southern people or the Northern people could object to this arrangement for the Negro membership which seems normal, considerate, fair and proper. It is Christian in spirit, purpose and provision in the opinion of those who constructed the Plan of Union.

The Plan Is Winning

This proposed Plan of Methodist Union was unanimously approved and recommended for adoption by the joint commission. It has been approved and adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church by a vote of .... to .... It has been already approved by the Annual Conferences of that Church by a vote of 14 to 1, or about 93%. It has been approved and adopted by the General Conference and the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church by an overwhelming majority. It now awaits the action of our Annual

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MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Hattiesburg District—Third Round

Bucatunna, at State Line, June 6, 11 a.m.; Q. C. 1:30 p.m.
Waynesboro, June 6, 4 p.m.; preaching 7:30.
Waynesboro Ct., at New Hope, June 13, 11 a.m.; Q. C. 1:30.
Shubuta, June 13, Q. C. 4 p.m.; Preaching 7:30.
Main Street, June 20, 11 a.m.; Q. C., June 15, 7:30.
Petal, at Petal, June 20, 7:30; Q. C., Aug. 9, 7:30.
Williamsburg, at Good Hope, June 27, 11 a.m.; Q. C. 1.30 p.m.
Collins, June 27, Q. C. 4 p.m.; Preaching 7:30.
Montrose, at Sylvarena, July 4, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1:30.
Laurel, West, July 4; Q. C., 4 p.m.; preaching 7:30 p.m.
Mt. Olive, at Gilmer, July 11, 11 a.m.; Q. C. 1:30.
Magee, July 11, Q. C. 4 p.m.; Preaching 7:30.
Matherville, at Salem, July 13, 11 a.m.; Q. C. 1:30 p.m.
Laurel, First, July 13, Q. C. 7:30 p.m.
Bonhommie, at Tatum's Camp, July 18, 11 a.m.; Q. C. 1:30.
New Augusta, at Beaumont, July 18, Q. C. 4 p.m.; Preaching 7:30.
Moselle, at Pleasant Ridge, July 21, 1:30.
Bay Springs, at Holder's, July 25, 11 a.m.; Q. C. 1:30 p.m.
Ellisville, July 25, Q. C. 4 p.m.; Preaching 7:30.
Taylorsville, at Knight's Chapel, July 27, 11 a.m.; Q. C. 1:30 p.m.
Sumrall, at Advance, July 30, 11 a.m.; Q. C. 1:30 p.m.
Richton, at Richton, Aug. 1, 11 a.m.; Q. C., 1:30 p.m.
Broad St. and Mission, at Arnold Line, Aug 1, Q. C. 4 p.m.; Preaching 7:30.
Court Street, Aug. 2, Q. C. 7:30 p.m.
Heidelberg, at Philadelphia, Aug. 5, Q. C. 1:30.
Kingston, at Antioch, Aug. 15, 11 a.m.; Q. C. 1:30.
Seminary, at Sanford, Aug. 15, 4 p.m., Preaching 7:30.

Let each pastor have a list of nominations for members of Board of Christian Education, General and Divisional Church School Superintendents in writing—a copy each for the sercetary, presiding elder and himself.

W. B. ALSWORTH, P. E.

Meridian District—Third Round

Meridian, East End, June 13, 11 a.m.; June 14, 7:30 p.m.
Meridian, Fifth Street, June 13, 7:30 p.m.; June 16, 7:30 p.m.
Quitman, June 20, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Meridian, Hawkins Memorial, at 34th Ave., June 20, 7:30 p.m.; June 29, 7:30 p.m.
Meridian, Poplar Springs, June 27, 11 a.m.; June 23, 7:30 p.m.
Meridian, Wesley, June 27, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Daleville, at Linwood, July 4, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Chunky, at Chunky, July 4, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia, First Church, July 11, 11 a.m.
Lauderdale, at Electric Mills, July 11, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Porterville, at Mt. Hebron, July 18, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Enterprise and Stonewall, at Concord, July 18, 3:30 p.m.
DeKalb, at Spring Hill, July 21, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Philadelphia Circuit, at North Bend, July 24, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Pachuta, at Salem, July 31, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Burnside, at Henry's Chapel, Aug. 1, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Scooba, at ———, Aug. 1, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Rose Hill, at Hopewell, Aug. 8, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Meridian, Central, Aug. 8, 11 a.m.
Vimville, at Pleasant Ridge, Aug. 15, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Decatur and Hickory, at Decatur, Aug. 15, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.
DeSoto, at Manassa, Aug. 22, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Newton, Aug. 22, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland, at Pleasant Grove, Aug. 29, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Union, at Mt. Zion, Aug. 29, 3:30 p.m.

W. B. JONES, P. E.

Seashore District—Third Round

Gulfport, First Church, June 6, 11 a.m.
Biloxi, Epworth-Wesley, at North Biloxi, June 6, 7:30 p.m.
Lumberton, June 13, 11 a.m.
Biloxi, Main Street, June 13, 7:30 p.m.
Saucier, at McHenry, June 13, 4 p.m.
Poplarville, June 20, 11 a.m.
Purvis, June 20, 7:30 p.m.
Wiggins, June 27, 11 a.m.
Long Beach, June 27, 7:30 p.m.
Mentorum, at Cox Chapel, July 4, 11 a.m.
Lucedale, July 4, 7:30 p.m.
Picayune, July 11, 11 a.m.
Carriere, at Byrd's Chapel, July 11, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Handsboro and Second Church, at Second Church, July 18, 11 a.m.
Brooklyn and Bond, at Bond, July 18, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Pascagoula, July 25, 11 a.m.
Escatawpa, at Orange Grove, July 25, 3 p.m.
Moss Point, July 25, 7:30 p.m.
Leakesville, at Clark's Chapel, Aug. 1, 11 a.m.
Kreole, Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Columbia, Aug. 8, 11 a.m.
Oloh, at Baylis Chapel, Aug. 8, 3 p.m.
Ocean Springs, Aug. 15, 11 a.m.
Vancleave, at Mt. Pleasant, Aug. 15, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Americus, at Tanner's Chapel, Aug. 22, 11 a.m.
Coalville, Aug. 29, 11 a.m.
Logtown, at Pearlington, Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m.
Bay St. Louis, Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Pastors will please remember Church School officers are to be elected this round.

L. J. POWER, P. E.

North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. J. W. York has our thanks for subscriptions sent in recently from Webb charge. It is the loyal devotion of the many that builds a great cause, and such is true of the church paper.

Rev. G. B. Love, Algoma, sends us a list of renewals with the assurance that he expects to make every effort to secure his quota in full. We appreciate the loyal support of Brother Love.

Mr. W. B. Braden, Route 4, Holly Springs, renews his subscription to the Advocate and assures us of his pleasure in its coming. We infer from his letter that he is friendly to Methodist union.

The second Sunday in June has been set apart by some of the districts in the North Mississippi Conference as a day for a special free-will offering to be taken for the Lewis Memorial Hospital fund in Tunda, Africa.

Rev. Shed Hill Caffey, pastor of First Church, Greenwood, was the commencement preacher for the Charleston High School recently. The sermon was preached in the Methodist church of which Rev. H. P. Lewis is pastor.

Dr. W. P. Buhrman, presiding elder of the Aberdeen District, says that he is taking copies of the Advocate to all his quarterly conferences in an endeavor to assist the pastors in their campaign for the paper, and he makes the Advocate a first consideration. We could ask no greater evidence of loyalty than that.

Rev. J. D. Wroten, the efficient presiding elder of Corinth District, enters into the Advocate campaign with the same earnest aggressiveness which was manifest in the Bishops' Crusade and in raising the benevolences. Quotas have been adopted and it seems altogether likely that Corinth District may round into the home-stretch in a short time.

Mrs. Lewis Stephens, formerly of Cedar Bluff, died at her home in Greenville on May 2. For many years she had been devoted to her Conference paper, and she was an active worker in her church. Brother Lewis Stephens, her husband, has asked that the paper be changed to his name, and its visits will be continued to the home.

Mrs. Floy Jones, of Black Hawk, who is blind, has been a constant reader of the Advocate for many years. In her blindness, she still has the entire contents of the paper read to her. Recently she had her sister, Mrs. Willie Conger Page, write and tell us how very much she appreciates the Advocate. We thank both these loyal friends for their interest and thoughtfulness.

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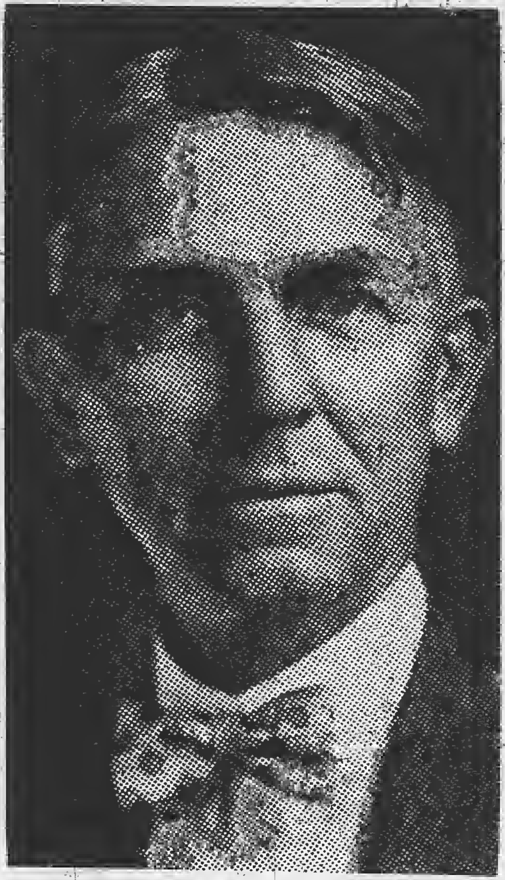
Rev. J. A. George, of Amory, preached ten days for Rev. T. W. Lewis, of Calhoun City. Brother Lewis speaks in very favorable terms of the spiritual tone and force of the messages—they were backed up with Scripture quotations. About twenty members will be added as a result of the meeting. Calhoun City increased its assumption for benevolences $100, and has paid it in full. The Bishops' Crusade collection was $100, and $100 was raised for flood sufferers.



JUDGE H. DENT MINOR

The report made by Rev. E. Nash Broyles to the second quarterly conference for First Church, Columbus, shows remarkable activity and a no less remarkable handling of all the details of the work. During the quarter eleven members were received by vows and four by certificate. Since the Annual Conference, twelve have been added by vows and thirty-one by certificate. Six infants were baptized during the quarter. Brother Broyles was the commencement preacher at Lee High School in that city on May 23, according to **The Columbus Dispatch**. There were twenty-one in the class which was graduated.

SERVICES AT DEDICATION OF MARY DENT MINOR MEMORIAL ORGAN, MACON, MISSISSIPPI

(Continued from page 1)

Dr. Henry A. Minor and his wife, Mary Dent Minor, parents of Judge Dent Minor, were active in this church until death ended their labors many years ago. It was to perpetuate and keep alive their influence and spirit that Judge Minor gave the organ to the church.

Saturday evening an old-fashioned community singing was held in the church, John Cook Robertson conducting, with Mr. Enoch Walton, of Memphis, Tenn., at the console of the organ. Mr. Walton is a trained organist of high reputation, and he demonstrated the great capacity and wide range of the instrument to an appreciative audience that packed the church. A prominent feature of this program was a violin solo by Mr. C. L. Willis, a noted violinist of Memphis, Tenn., as were also vocal solos by Mrs. Anne Dent Percy and Mr. George Willis, both of Memphis, Tenn., and Mr. John Cook Robertson, of Macon, who sang, "That Dear Old Mother of Mine," in memory of Judge Minor's mother. The hymns sung by the congregation were those used in the church in the middle and later years of the last century, such as "How Firm a Foundation," "Shall We Gather at the River," "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and others.

Sunday morning the following program, consisting of two services, was given, loud speakers being installed in the auditorium of the Sunday School and on the church grounds, enabling the fifteen hundred people assembled to hear both services:

Dedication service, 9:30 a.m., Rev. J. W. Robertson, presiding; song, "Shall We Gather at the River;" The Lord's Prayer—Congregation; song, "Blessed Assurance;" brief addresses by Rev. Dr. L. P. Wasson, presiding elder; Rev. R. D. Pearson, pastor of Macon Baptist Church; Rev. N. G. Augustus, Mr. Justice J. G. McGowen, of the Mississippi Supreme Court; song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer;" reading of letters from Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, Rev. Bertrand R. Cocks, of Phoenix, Arizona; Mr. Chief Justice Sidney Smith, of the Mississippi Supreme Court; Mr. Chas. N. Burch, of Memphis, Tenn.; presentation of organ, Dent Minor; acceptance, the pastor; Song, "Home Over There;" prayer, Dr. L. P. Wasson.

Recess.

Church service, 11 a.m.—Voluntary (organ and violin, "Ave Maria," Mr. Enoch Walton and Mr. L. C. Williss; hymn, "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood," congregation; prayer, Rev. Dr. L. P. Wasson, presiding elder; reading of first lesson, the pastor; hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," congregation; reading of the second lesson, Dr. W. L. Duren; offertory, "Come Ye Disconsolate," Mrs. Anne Dent Percy; hymn, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," congregation; sermon, Rev. Dr. W. L. Duren; solo, "Beautiful Garden of Prayer," Mrs. Albert Lipscomb; hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," congregation; prayer and benediction, Rev. Dr. W. L. Duren.

The dedication sermon by Dr. Duren, a former pastor and close friend of the Minor family, was a scholarly presentation of the history of music in devotion and worship from the dawn of civilization, and its value and effect upon religious life.

The Rev. John W. Robertson, pastor of the church, planned the various services, and their successful consummation was the result of the active and loyal cooperation of his congregation and of the pastors and members of the other churches in Macon and of the community generally.

At the conclusion of the dedication services the people enjoyed an old-fashioned barbecue and basket dinner.

Mr. Walton remained over, and Sunday evening gave another organ recital at the request of the pastor. On this occasion he inspired a vast audience by rendering organ masterpieces, many hymns and other selections. Responding to special requests, Rev. John W. Robertson and Mrs. Albert Lipscomb each rendered a vocal solo during this recital.

Truly, all these services occupy an important place in the history of Methodism in Macon and Noxubee County. The memory of them will linger with those who heard them for years to come.

W. B. JONES.

CONFERENCE ON THE RURAL CHURCH

In an effort to point the way toward a reorganization of the rural social and religious life of Mississippi, State College is calling for the second time, during June 14-17, a conference of rural pastors and church leaders. At a similar meeting in the summer of 1936 the ministers gathered at State College were presented facts, statistics and information concerning the run-down status of the average Mississippi rural community. This information took in social, religious and economic factors.

The speakers on the program last year pointed out that rural Mississippi, like the rest of rural America was fast becoming pagan in nature. They showed that because recent trends of industrialism have proved detrimental to the farmers' welfare, such enigmas as homeless farmers and incomeless landowners were becoming common. They indicated that the destroying of high ideals and faith in Christian standards, the backbone of our rural population, has necessarily meant the weakening of the farmers themselves, the backbone of our nation.

The second Church Conference, therefore, purposes to put before the pastors lectures and round table discussions of actual applications of this knowledge. True, the bad situation exists, but what can be done about it? will be the pertinent question. Nationally famous criminologists, religious leaders and sociologists, like Dr. G. S. Dobbins, Dr. R. B. Eleazer, Dr. B. L. Coulter, Dr. Hugh L. Gilespie and others will lead the discussions.

Not with the idea of projecting any kind of organization, but with the hope that some small social and religious service may be rendered Mississippi is the conference projected. It is only the desire of the sponsors that something can be done toward alleviating both the physical and psychical depression among the rural population so that God may once more reign over and shower his blessing upon the "common tiller of the soil," so dear to the hearts of us all.

REV. JNO. W. ROBERTSON

SOME STRANGE OBSERVATIONS

By "Rusticus"

A Board of Stewards using money for Benevolences that had been contributed by an outsider for the building fund.

A Board getting up a "Benefit Baseball Game" for paying the hospital expenses of their pastor and his wife who had been in an automobile accident, and applying the proceeds to the pastor's salary.

The same Board wiring their pastor at Conference that everything had been paid in full, money in bank, then holding out $25 on him, as having not included the full amount of the Conference Collections.

A Board selling pencils that cost a penny apiece for twenty-five cents, this including a chance on a quilt that some one had donated. The proceeds to be used for Benevolences.

A steward laughing about not paying their preacher in full and at the same time condemning him for not paying in full his accounts at the grocers.

A preacher going on a week's visit after Conference, before he moves out, and thus holding up the line for five preachers, who want to get moved.

Another preacher leaving the house locked, going on to his new work, without getting his things out of the way, then leaving the house after a week, with everything as dirty as possible to imagine.

The above, and many others, might cause us to wonder if there will be a real REVIVAL until some churches and others REPENT.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Corinth District—Third Round

Chalybeate, at Camp Ground, May 28, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Burnsville, at Chapel Hill, May 29, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Belmont, at Dennis, May 30, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Ashland, at Liberty, June, 6, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Mantachie, at Palestine, June 11, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Mooreville, at Andrews Chapel, June 12, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Rienzi, at Bethel, June 13, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Booneville Station, June 13, 7:30 p.m., preaching followed by Q. C.
Sherman, at Blue Springs, June 15, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Potts Camp, at Macedonia, June 16, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Kossuth, At Hightown, June 17, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Baldwyn, at Asbury, June 19, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
New Albany Ct. and Myrtle Ct., at Union Hill in New Albany Ct., (joint session) June 20, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
New Albany Station, June 20, after night service.
Corinth Southside, June 23, at night.
Guntown, at Liberty June 25, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Dumas, at Mt. Zion, June 26, 11 a.m. and 1:30
Hickory Flat, at Ebenezer, June 27, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Marietta, at Mt. Nebo, July 4, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Iuka Ct., at Pleasant Hill, July 7, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Iuka Station, July 7, after prayer meeting.
Waterford, at Chulahoma, July 9, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Abbeville, at Abbeville, July 10, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Oxford, July 11, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Holly Springs, July 11, after night service.
Corinth, First Church, July 18, 11 a.m. preaching, Q. C. Wed., July 21, 7:30 p.m.
Corinth Ct., at Box Chapel, July 22, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Blue Mt. Ct., at Faulkner, July 25, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Ripley, July 25, 7:30 p.m. preaching; Q. C. July 26, 9 a.m.
Dedication of Iuka Church, Aug. 1, 11 a.m. by Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs.

J. D. WROTEN, P. E.

A New York preacher thinks a two-year moratorium on preaching would be the salvation of the world. The salary would continue, we suppose, as hush money.—Senator Soaper, in Louisville Courier-Journal,

Christian Education

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, JUNE 6

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

JOSEPH'S READINESS FOR SERVICE

Joseph was a genial, attractive, highly-endowed lad who, unfortunately, found it out. Perhaps his doting father was chiefly responsible for his discovery of personal superiority in a large and heterogeneous family. As usual, "father's pet" lost caste with his brothers, and became the object of their jealous resentment of paternal favoritism. His unfavorable though probably correct report to Jacob concerning the shortcomings of his brothers, plus childish babblings about his dreams of preferment ripened jealousy into mortal hatred, and they determined to get rid of him. His ready obedience to Jacob's command to go to Shechem and bring a report of the other sons and their care of the flocks afforded the desired opportunity to dispose of "the dreamer." Murderous consciences were salved by a fortunate chance to sell him into slavery. Twenty shekels of silver closed the trade and Joseph was sold into Egypt, his bloodied coat being returned to Jacob as a bitter reminder of his too obvious discrimination in fatherly affections.

Misfortune either makes or breaks men. Joseph turned it into a discipline more profitable than the shelter and softness of his father's house. He might have pined and pouted under the pain and injustice of treachery and false imprisonment but he chose to maintain his personal integrity, make the best of his wretched situation, and do good as opportunity offered even while in prison. A kindly service to a fellow-prisoner was the bread on the waters that finally brought him into Pharoah's presence and favor. A small opportunity rightly used made all his boyish dreams come true, and the story of his subsequent career is a classic of the ages.

To fend against the famine in Egypt, Joseph was given autocratic power to tax the people with one-fifth of their harvest for seven years and store it for the lean years which were to follow. The plan was Joseph's and to him was given the honor and responsibility for its execution. The record indicates that he acted with his accustomed fidelity and efficiency. A benevolent despot can work economic wonders so long as his benevolence holds out. Joseph saved the lives of the people only to drive a sharp bargain for Pharoah by taking their money, their cattle, their lands, and their persons in return for the stored food which they had themselves contributed in taxes to their king. The scheme was in keeping with the ethics of the times and of much later times, but it does not square with the ethics of the Galilean Carpenter, nor satisfy the truly Christian conscience.

Joseph through shame and honor alike kept his faith in God and remained loyal to his own people. He was alert to every opportunity for service and used his lofty talent for helping others. He generously forgave his brothers for their great wrong, and saw above and beyond their evil intent the guiding hand of an overruling God. Having proved himself faithful in little things, he was also found faithful in things that affected empires and shaped history. In a dark and sordid environment he stands out as one of the world's unselfish heroes, a lofty example of patience, forbearance, integrity and magnanimity.

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He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
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Many years ago a local preacher moved into a Mississippi town and placed his membership in the Methodist church.

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The pastor was not altogether certain as to his man, so he waited to study him a little before calling upon him to take part in a public service. Finally he called upon the local preacher to pray at a Sunday evening service. It was wholly unexpected and the man prayed humbly and effectively. The pastor was much encouraged and soon after called upon his friend to pray again. It was a rainy Sunday night in January, no passage of Scripture had been read, and no hymn had been lined. The local preacher rose to the occasion thus: "Our kind and dear Heavenly Father, it is with a due sense of gratitude that, after lining hymns of praise, we come unto Thee on this beautiful autumnal afternoon to render unto Thee thanks." After praying for various things, he seemed to bethink himself that the pastor might need some attention. Accordingly he broke into the strain: "We pray for our brother who goes in and out before us. O, may his labors be increased, and O, may we be passive." It was all too evident that the preacher was a little disappointed with his first effort and he did not propose to be caught napping again.

A GOOD SAMARITAN SOLDIER

It was in the Philippines on the Island of Penay and the town of Jaro, two miles from Iloilo. The time was March 16, 1899, when the Philippine Insurrection was in progress. In this particular battle the Americans were out-numbered ten to one. A good friend of mine, then a bugler, who is still living, was on this occasion one of those out-numbered Americans; and presently his company found itself in a situation which seemed hopeless.

When the entire company completely surrounded by the enemy, with no prospect of escape, and facing what apparently was certain death, my friend, a good Catholic, made the sign of the Cross and offered a prayer. A comrade, who was a Protestant, saw and heard this soldier in prayer and he, too, made the sign of the Cross and repeated the prayer of his Catholic friend. Thus when facing death, denominational differences and prejudices (if they exist) are forgotten, and shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart men look God-ward with eyes of faith.

It happened that neither of these two men were killed. Although my friend was wounded, not seriously, however, he never reported it. To illustrate the spirit of these American soldiers: This bugler friend of mine, seeing a seriously wounded bolo man, approached the sufferer and was about to place his canteen to the lips of the wounded native, when, with the speed of lightning the native pulled his bolo and struck at the young American who was extending the helping hand of the Good Samaritan, but long training in this warfare had developed super ability to be always on guard and to act reflexively in self defense, so that his remarkably quick action in springing away from the bolo saved his life. My good Samaritan soldier friend might have retaliated and killed the native who had struck with murderous intent, but he returned good for evil.—Old Timer.

"No sophistry, such as calling the 'saloon' a 'tavern,' can wipe out the stain still resting on the saloon. The post-Prohibition tavern is conducted about the same as it was before Prohibition and, if anything, a little worse. Violations of closing hours, prostitution, shootings and holdups in such places are common news items."—Brewers Journal, January, 1936.

I never saw a city or village yet whose miseries were not in proportion to the number of its public houses.—Oliver Goldsmith.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
1574 Jefferson Avenue, New Orleans, La.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Conference Superintendent of Publicity, writes as follows:

"The Pastors' School and Conference for Christian Workers which will be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, June 21-25, will prove to be of particular interest and opportunity to the women of Louisiana. There will be a course for every worker in the Church, and every person who attends should go away better prepared for his or her task and greatly enriched spiritually.

"The women of the Woman's Missionary Society will be especially interested in the course for Mission Study leaders, in which the leaders of mission study classes will be taught how to teach their classes. This course will be given by Mrs. W. B. Landrum, of Texas.

"In addition to the course on Leadership for mission study groups, Mrs. R. E. Smith, assisted by Mrs. Mary Freeman and Miss Grace Gatewood, will conduct a spiritual life institute, in which practical methods and materials for spiritual life groups will be presented and discussed. This institute is planned particularly for those who are especially interested in the spiritual life movement, and will come at a time that will not conflict with the regular schedule of credit classes.

"The Pastors' School and Conference for Christian Workers is so reasonably priced this year that it should not be prohibitive to any person or auxiliary. The cost of room and board will be only $6.

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"The Pastor and His Task, Dr. B. D. Hodge, Nashville, Tenn; The Teachings of Jesus, Dr. Ernest Webb, Southern Methodist University; Leadership for Mission Study Groups, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Texas; Course for Workers with Young People, Rev. A. L. Gilmore, Lafayette, La.; Christian Service for Adults, Dr. Boyd McKeown, Nashville, Tenn.; Course for Workers with Children, Mrs. Maggie Mae Burrow, Jackson, Miss.

"Dr. J. N. R. Score has accepted an invitation to conduct the Bible hours. Dr. Score is the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas."

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Mrs. S. M. Collins, Superintendent of Bible and Mission Study, is particularly anxious that each auxiliary in the Conference send its Superintendent of Study or her alternate to this School to take the course under Mrs. Landrum for the fall study.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Stanley Wilson,
2212 Fifteenth Street, Meridian, Miss.

Some Things for Auxiliary to do During June

Make plans to send your Spiritual Life leader to the Retreat in Jackson in July. For information write Mrs. Gordon Patton, Jackson, Miss.

Round up your half year's finances at the end of the second quarter. Do not forget to send in your Louise Killingsworth Special this quarter.

Send your study superintendent to the Leadership School, Biloxi, June 21-26.

Send a Negro woman to the Training School for Negro leaders, Jackson College, Jackson, Miss., June 23-29. Expenses are $9 for registration, room and board.

Check up on your World Outlook subscriptions. Many renewals are due at this time, so let the superintendent be right on the job.

Remember, your secretary of Children's Work should report the last of June. Send report to Mrs. C. C. Clark, Philadelphia, Miss.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

You have your Conference Minutes. Yet I am giving you this Program of Work that every member of the auxiliary, who cares to, may know what the plan of work is. You will find everything you need to know, even to dates, in your Conference Minutes.

Might I dare suggest that you SEARCH these Minutes before writing for information.

Program of Work for Second Quarter

April

1. Business meeting (a) Elect delegate to District meeting; 2, Begin new book in Spiritual Life Group; 3, Organize or cultivate Young Women; 4, Pay Scarritt Fund ($4); 5, Add to Life Membership Fund; 6, Send box of supplies; 7, World Outlook program; 8, Check Octagon activities; 9, Study Efficiency Aim.

May

1, Business meeting—(a) Plan to send Negro woman to Holly Springs, July 12-17; (b) Plan to send superintendent of Mission and Bible Study to Grenada, May 31-June 5; (c) Co-operate in plan for Daily Vacation Bible School; 2, Study Sessions Committee reports; 3, World Outlook program; 4, Study Efficiency Aim.

June

1, Business meeting; 2, Pay Rural Pledge this quarter; 3, Christian Social Relations activity; 4, Pay Killingsworth salary; 5, World Outlook program; 6, Executive meeting, reports, one-half pledge paid; 7, Study Efficiency Aim.

THE PLAN OF METHODIST UNION

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Conferences and General Conference. The plan has the support of all the active bishops in the two Churches. It should be studied carefully and well by all ministers and laymen. It will bear the closest scrutiny of any and all. The Plan carries unity in the common doctrines; in the law making body of the General Conference; in the Council of Bishops, the integrating body of its general superintendents; in its general boards that point, direct and project the Missionary, educational, and benevolent objectives of the denomination; and pre-eminently in its one name of great historical content, The Methodist Church. It provides for variety and freedom in all details of administration and promotion. It will take away separations that have long continued unhappy attitudes, substitute cooperation for competition in all border territories, put all local churches in the same community into the same family, remove from mission fields the stigma of division in the Methodist household, establish solidarity in the Methodist front to American life, and create in Methodists new bonds of unity and fraternity for the American people. Such an achievement is worthy of the noblest body of Christian people.

The Uniting Conference

The Uniting Conference composed of 400 from each of the major Churches and 100 from the Methodist Protestant Church, or 900 members in all, will meet within 12 months after the Plan of Union is finally and fully approved and adopted. That means it will come in May 1939, since our Annual Conference will vote this year and our General Conference will vote in 1938. Of course, all this is conditioned upon the vote being affirmative. The expense will be paid by the three Churches in proportion to representation.

The articles in the Plan dealing with the uniting conference should be read and studied very carefully and thoroughly. It should be noted that legislative power of the Uniting Conference is confined to harmonizing and combining provisions now existing in the Discipline of the three Churches, or one or more of them, and beyond that it cannot go. It should be noted further that the continued Commissions on Union will make special preparation for the Uniting Con-

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It was in the beautiful springtime of 1936, on the 24th day of May, that the spirit of Mrs. Nancy C. Morton slipped away to meet its Maker. The departure of our loved one came at the age of 76 years, three months and 8 days. She is survived by her husband, L. H. Morton, of Cotton Valley, La.; four daughters, Mrs. F. P. Hilburn, Misses Mary and Vashti Morton, all of Cotton Valley, and Miss Ava Morton, a missionary to China; two sons, J. E. Morton, of Cotton Valley, and L. A. Morton, of Magnolia, Arkansas.

Before her marriage to Lawrence H. Morton, she was Miss Nancy Caroline Cole, the youngest child of her father and mother, George and Mary Ann Cole.

In her early years her ambition to learn made school life a pleasure to her. She never grew tired of study, but was eager for more and more knowledge. All through life she sought information through reading. Religious literature and her Bible were among her daily readings.

She was a lover of family and home, a true and faithful wife and mother. Thus the affections of all centered on her. A deep and clear thinker, she was a wise counselor for her household. Being a keen judge of personality, she was not easily led into the pitfalls of life. She had no time for things false or evil and instilled in the hearts and lives of her children purity, virtue, truthfulness, honesty, justice and fairness to all. The Bible standard was her standard.

Outdoor life and things of nature were attractive to her, for she liked to see plants growing, to wander among the pines, and to go fishing. Even during her last six weeks' illness she longed for the outdoor spring beauties.

She had written in her diary: "August 25, 1885—I have found that great blessing for which I have so long prayed." Before this she had become a member of the Methodist church. She enjoyed good singing and preaching as long as her health permitted her to attend church. In fulfillment of a promise if the Lord would answer a request of hers, she dedicated her youngest daughter to Him in infancy. This daughter is the missionary to China.

We feel sure that the following poem, found among her favorite clippings, expressed a desire similar to hers:

"Living Not in Vain"

God grant I may not live in vain,
Some useless part fulfilling;
Like water, gathered not again,
Which careless hand is spilling.

May I but add my being's force
To that eternal river
Which has in God's own love its source,
And flows to Him forever.

Some Christian song may I but write,
And to His altar bring it;
Some hymn of praise to Christ indite
And after ages sing it.

To some lost soul the gospel preach,
Give him kind exhortation;
Some little child the way may teach,
And bring it to salvation.

By some lone couch may breathe a prayer,
Or send some tender token
To save the tempted from despair,
Or bind the heart's that broken.

That me at last my Lord may know,
And give me recognition,
Because I walked with Him below
And kept the great commission.

To live longer so she could do more for her Savior was a desire expressed during her last illness. It seemed to her that she had done so little for Him. But her last audible prayer was, "Lord, not my will, but Thine be done." As her husband entered the room one day before her departure, she asked him if he heard that music. As he had heard none, he supposed she had heard music from heaven.

We wish to dedicate this tribute with our lives, lives of Christian service to the memory of our loved one.

HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

Let there be no mistake about the voice of medical practioners or authorities on this matter. It is on the side of temperance—of extreme temperance—anything else is risky.—Sir B. W. Richardson, M. D.

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THE PLAN OF METHODIST UNION

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ference by appointing "proper committees to deal with (a) membership, conferences, ministry, judicial administration and temporal economy; (b) rituals; (c) connectional boards and societies; (d) publishing interests; (e) permanent and pension funds; (f) and such other matters as imperatively call for advance consideration." All this preparatory work is exceedingly important.

It should be noted that the boundaries of Annual Conferences will be adjusted at the Uniting Conference by the delegates from the Annual Conferences within the several Jurisdictions, sitting apart for that purpose.

It should be remembered that no Jurisdictional Conference will meet until after the first General Conference, and the Uniting Conference will make provision for the first General Conference as to composition, time of meeting, and expense.

The Uniting Conference will be a most important body, and will have a very great responsibility and task. The duration of its sitting will depend upon the efficiency of its membership and the fullness and value of the preparation which the pre-conference committees provide. The Jurisdictional Conference arrangements will be of very great advantage in working out the adjustments of boards and their activities, and adjustments of property interests and permanent and pension funds. Neither Church could have any other thought than that benevolent trusts will be continued for those for whom they were set up, and that debts will be paid where debts were made. All the colleges and universities have state charters that set forth and protect their rights, powers, and prerogatives. The same is true of other institutions. Property in both Churches has always been held by local boards, and schools, hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the aged, though possibly connectionally promoted have been locally or regionally held. It is not contemplated by any one that this established method of holding property will be disturbed. Local churches in the same community will not be forced together. They will become members of the same Methodist family, but their own members will determine in due time all questions of congregational mergers. Ministers on the border will evidently be satisfactorily assimilated before the local mergers are effected. There will be need for all the preachers now in the three Churches. Common sense and Christian consideration will control in making all adjustments whether local, conference or connectional.

The bishops said in 1934, "We have been looking toward ultimate union for a long time. We need to move toward it, and in a way that will effectively promote the interests of all American Methodism." By this plan of Methodist Union this exalted goal can be and will be attained.

Drunken driving increased 162 per cent in Denver during the last two years.

Our revenue may derive some unholy benefit from the sale of alcohol, but the entire trade is nevertheless a covenant with sin and death.—Lord Bacon.

WHAT CAN THE LAYMAN DO TO HELP IN AN ALARMING SITUATION?

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out of schools and colleges and being taught certain "truths" (?), and teachers should not try to change their minds. Think of it! This in face of the fact, I am told that one of these college professors went into the class room on one occasion on his all-fours to lecture on Evolution.

The Adult Student alone goes to 214,000 readers. Surely they should have the truth told them and ONLY THE TRUTH, from God's Holy Word.

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Shall we contend for "the faith once delivered to the saints," or shall we sit supinely and let these things continue?

What can the laymen do?

1. Write to the editor. One writing is small and bears little weight, but a large number may avail.

2. Pray, as we have never prayed, that God will raise up writers for these periodicals that will stand true to the Word.

I believe my appeal shall not be in vain. What say you, Christian laymen and lay women?

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Temptation

By Rev. Marshall Wingfield, D.D.

The doors to our poor human hearts,
Are lightly barred and ill defended;
A jeer that stings, a slight that smarts,
The key is turned and the siege is ended.

Yet there are souls who will but mock,
All efforts at their subjugation;
They are equipped with secret lock—
God only knows the combination!

Though brigands bold and buccaneers
Strive for their hearts' rich treasure;
They do not shrink nor fail with fears,
Their courage knows no measure.

They hold their word of honor high—
Too high for the world to buy it;
They put their virtue 'gainst the sky,
And challenge the world to try it.

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Amory, Miss.

Wallet of the Week

MR. JOHN CLOVER MONSMA, whose interesting book, **The Story of the Church**, is attracting wide attention, sets Christianity at its best in a very favorable light. He declares that "the brutal gladiatorial shows, which could not be put down until the fifth century even in Christian Rome, were never permitted at Constantinople, the Christian capital of the Empire." The expulsive force of Christianity, in history or in life, is one of its most convincing credentials.

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SPOON-FED EDUCATION, described as a policy of cramming with premasticated food, was vigorously attacked by an Anglican cleric recently. He said that to educate by the sheer authority of an "open your mouth and shut your eyes and swallow it" principle, is to insure the production of either a weakling or a rebel. One so educated may hold certain views, but will not be held by them, nor will he be any better for them. He instances the fact that the Great Teacher insisted that every man must understand with his own understanding.

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THE MORAVIAN CHURCH, which has always been one of the most missionary-minded groups of Christendom, is demonstrating its up-to-dateness also. It is reported that the Moravian mission in Alaska has established libraries and reading rooms in most communities served by it, and radios have been installed in the mission stations, where programs in English are heard daily. It has varied little in faith and policy through the years, but it has not lost its missionary enthusiasm and its eye is no less observant than when it discovered John Wesley.

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AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION, sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania and the American Schools of Oriental Research, is reported to have discovered beneath a mound in Mesopotamia ruins which belong to about 4300 B. C. The find was discovered at a depth of one hundred feet below the top level. Pottery and gold beads were found which are said to date back to "the very beginning of writing and metallurgy," and an acropolis consisting of three temples surrounded by a wall is believed to be the "earliest example of successful and harmonious site planning ever found in the world."

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY PRESS, a leading Hebrew Journal of the Pacific Coast, is given credit for the statement that modern archaeologists shed light on a murder committed two thousand five hundred years ago. They confirmed the account of the murder of the prophet Urijah as related in the book of Jeremiah. Once again the spade becomes the ally of Scripture by confirming the historical reliability of the data recorded in its pages.

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PRESIDENT FAUNCE, of Brown University, recently held up a Bible before his students and referred to it as the wonder book of the world. He declared that while no one of them would attach importance to a book of medicine or a compendium of science published fifty years ago, no one would accept as authoritative a work on psychology that was even twenty years old, and H. G. Wells' Outlines of History had to be revised before it was published, yet after all these centuries have passed, the Bible remains the standard guide of the world.

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AN IRISH NAVIGATOR of the sixth century, bearing the name of St. Brendan, discovered America nearly a thousand years before Christopher Columbus set sail for the New World, according to Mr. William M. Carroll, of Buffalo, New York. He claims that St. Brendan landed in the Carolinas on May 17, 545 A. D. and that, "while many historical and other records have been destroyed, enough is known to justify our contention that St. Brendan and forty monks landed there." After fourteen hundred years, it would seem that such a claim would be barred by the statute of limitations.

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PROHIBITION AND CRIME is a study which should provide food for thought in these days which are reeking with liquor and crime. According to U. S. court records compiled for the period between 1920 and 1931, deaths from alcohol decreased 42 per cent; alcoholic insanity decreased 66 per cent; general crime from drink decreased 54 per cent; drunkenness decreased 70 per cent; drinking decreased 77 per cent; and auto deaths per thousand cars decreased 50 per cent. In Canada where liquor was sold, the record for approximately the same period percentage increase of 113 in alcohol deaths; 109 in crime; 55 in drunkenness; drunken driving, 83; immoral crimes, 76; and auto-wreck deaths 42.

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EDITORIAL

RELIGION AND WELFARE RECOVERY

The National Committee for Religion and Welfare Recovery has issued a call for "cooperation in meeting the forces of irreligion." The call is signed by one hundred and sixty persons representing the various religious bodies of the country. It begins with the sentence: "With grave apprehension, we appraise the day in which we live," and it concludes with an appeal for loyalty in the "fundamental obligations of stewardship of time, talent and possessions." The call deplores the secularism and materialism consequent upon politico-social theories which are sweeping the world—a feeling with which we are in hearty accord. But the plea for the "deepening of the spiritual life," through an ecclesiastical coalition and an "increased loyalty to established religious and character-building institutions," seems to us to fall short of the dynamic required for such revolutionary change as is needed. We know that a call of that nature could not undertake a system of theology, but we cannot see why it should fail to emphasize repentance toward God and that spiritual humiliation which alone can make a "nobler spiritual regeneration" possible. Certainly we do not see why such an appeal should be climaxed by a statistical analysis of church revenues without once naming the sins which are the shame of our generation. Character building, mobilization and loyalty are not the words of Jesus. He said "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," and "Ye must be born again." We do not believe that the interests of the Kingdom of God can be served effectively by joining forces with politically dominated agencies and plans for the social rehabilitation of a wrecked and ruined world. Neither do we expect the Millennium to be brought in by a least common denominator of the world's ecclesiasticisms, such as is clearly involved in the call of the Committee for Religion and Welfare Recovery. The spiritual affirmations of the call are not sufficient for the desperate situation which confronts our generation, and its terminology and methods have scarcely more freshness than a revamped war drive.

THE LAYMAN

Not long ago a friend of ours said of the Advocate: "The preachers hog the paper." That charge set us to thinking. It was not meant to be a railing accusation against either the paper or the preachers. What he meant to say was that the laymen, who represent the mass of the church membership, are failing to make vocal and influential their thought and feeling regarding the great issues which come before the church. To be sure, there is a type of layman given to the utterance of criticism which irritates and offends, but produces no wholesome reaction upon the life of the church. Such criticism is often sincere and it may even have a basis of fact for its justification, but it is sometimes apparently an effort at a moral tightening for one's self as much as it is an arraignment of the sins of others. Such criticism is always unpleasant, but it need not be taken too seriously. Another type of layman evidently feels that he is not sufficiently expert in religious knowledge and experience to warrant his making too dogmatic statement about matters which in his opinion belong in a peculiar sense to the altar and the priesthood. He, therefore, feels a hesitancy in asserting things which he believes to be true. Scarcely a week passes that the editor does not receive lay opinion marked "Not for publication." Of course, such requests are respected, but a little thought would discover to anyone the fact that such inhibitions muffle the voice and deprive the thought of wings and power. Many laymen refuse to permit publicity to be given to their acts of benevolence. By such refusal, they rob a worthy deed of its inspirational value and they subtract from the impact of their own personality upon the life of the community. To insist upon doing a worthy thing incognito, may gratify a sense of personal modesty, but we wonder if it may not tend to rob God by its practical denial of Christian interest and consecration? The secret disciple cuts down the range and the merit of his devotion. The task of building a better world calls for the pooling of all resources, human and divine, in an unselfish and a courageous partnership of service.

LEGAL ACTION REQUIRED TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED PLAN OF METHODIST UNION

It is not our purpose at this time to discuss the merits or demerits of the proposed Plan for the Union of the Methodist Churches. The Plan has been approved by the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church, and will be considered by the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at their next sessions. It is astonishing that a matter so vital to the Church should to this late date have received such scant consideration. We can only infer that the ministers and members of our church are not informed of the contents and implications of the Plan and the consequences of its adoption; consequences which seriously affect the church relationship of ministers and members, and also jeopardize all property rights of the church. It has been the observation of each of us that a few laymen have read the Plan and many laymen are not even aware that a proposed Plan of Union is pending. Each of us has found many preachers who have not grasped what is involved in this Plan. We have found, however, even among those who have read the Plan and have announced their purpose either to vote for or against it, not a single person, preacher or layman, who has considered the steps which our church is required by law to take in order legally to adopt the Plan.

So far as we are aware, we have read every one of the few communications published in our Church Press, and in addition, each of us has had a number of communications from preachers and laymen over the church. It seems to be universally assumed that the approval of three-fourths of the members of the several Annual Conferences, present and voting, and two-thirds of the succeeding General Conference is all that is legally required. Such action by the Annual and General Conferences, however, will not be sufficient under our law. The law of our church demands in addition, that the Plan must meet with the approval of a majority of each Annual Conference, as well as with the approval of three-fourths of the members of the several Annual Conferences, present and voting, and two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding.

Though we are opposed to the adoption of the Plan, and though we have no doubt that a failure to secure the approval of a majority of each Annual Conference will defeat the Plan, as members of the church it is our clear duty to call attention to this prevailing mistake touching what is requisite legally to adopt the Plan, so that the church when it votes may act with full intelligence. With this knowledge on our part, silence would be a sin.

We make this statement to the church because to us it is perfectly evident, after careful and prolonged consideration of the law of our church and of the proposed Plan, that any failure to follow the necessary legal requirements will lead to damaging controversy, to inevitable and extensive litigation, and probably to great financial losses to our Methodism. Our inference that a failure to comply with the law of our church will lead to these consequences is greatly strengthened by a study of the controversy and litigation and loss which followed the attempt to unite the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (popularly known as the Northern Presbyterian Church) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Our investigation of the widespread and expensive litigation which followed in many of the states of the Union, particularly through the territory occupied by our own church, has made it clear to us that the litigation was largely made not only possible but necessary because of a failure on the part of the authorities of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to acquaint themselves with the laws of their own church and of the States in which they were working. As a result, litigation in many States was made necessary. That litigation lasted for many years. Certain courts held that the Union had been validly enacted; other courts held that the Union had not been validly enacted. The result was that property in some States was given to the United Church, and property in other States remained in the possession of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The final conclusion was that the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, greatly weakened and depleted, continued in existence and now exists.

From similar consequences we earnestly desire, if possible, to save our Southern Methodism.

Much is heard of the hope that in the event the Plan is adopted, brotherly feeling will prevent all friction and litigation. Such a hope is, however, not to be entertained, for the reason that many of the Agencies of our Church are incorporated and can act only within the terms of their charters, and much of the property held by our agencies of one kind or another, whether incorporated or unincorporated, is held subject to trusts established by wills or otherwise, and many of those charged with the custody and management of these properties will find it legally necessary for them to seek aid and advice of a court in administering the funds and properties committed to their care. This will necessarily raise the question whether the Plan has been legally adopted, and the greatest brotherly feeling and good will cannot avoid that necessity.

What we have so far said is in justification, should any justification be necessary, for calling the attention of the church to the facts stated in this paper. We turn at once to our reasons for stating that the pending proposal for Union cannot legally be adopted without the approval of each Annual Conference and two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding.

Division One, Article 3, of the proposed Plan of Union provides:

"The Articles of Religion shall be those historically held in common by the three Uniting Churches."

Those who drafted the plan evidently supposed the Articles of Religion of the three churches were identical, and they, therefore, did not think it necessary to set forth in detail what should be the Articles of Religion of the United Church. They overlooked the fact, however, that the Articles of Religion of the three constituent churches, as published in their Disciplines, differ. (Journal, General Conference M. E. Church, South, 1894, pp. 264f, 268; Idem, 1898, pp. 64, 89, 229 et seq.). They also overlooked the fact that our Church by action which culminated in 1922 amended its 23rd Article of Religion insofar as it applied to our Church in foreign fields. It is therefore, plain that if the Articles of Religion of the United Church are to be those historically held in common, (which must mean the Articles of the Methodist Church prior to the establishment in 1828 of the Methodist Protestant Church, and to the division of the old church in 1844), then those Articles will differ from the Articles of our Church.

Again, the proposed Plan of the Union imposes certain Restrictive Rules, the first of which is:

"The General Conference shall not revoke, alter, or change our Articles of Religion, or establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine."

Division Two, Section III, Paragraph 2 of the Plan, provides that the Restrictive Rule just quoted may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the General Conference, present and voting, and a three-fourths majority of the Annual Conferences, present and voting. This radically alters, as we shall hereafter show, the necessary requirements of our Church for the alteration of an Article of Religion.

The highest courts of many of the States, and of almost all the States in the territory occupied by our Church, have had occasion, at one time or another, to consider the law which governs property interests of churches. We believe that without exception the highest courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States, have held and properly held, that in a controversy involving ecclesiastical property, the court will confine its inquiry to a determination of the question whether the laws and rules of the Church, as interpreted by its highest ecclesiastical authorities, have been complied with. The courts have uniformly held that in all ecclesiastical matters the decisions of the ecclesiastical tribunals and authorities will generally be held binding on all

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(*Note—We are releasing our second editorial page this week in order to relieve the congestion of material which we have for publication, and to give all possible space for the unification issue. —Editor.)

persons and on all courts. Consequently, upon the question whether the properties owned and controlled by our Church, or by any of its parts or Agencies will have passed to the ownership and control of the new United Church, the Court will have to determine whether the Plan of Union has been adopted by our Church in accordance with the requirements of its rules and laws as interpreted by its ecclesiastical authorities. Should anyone be interested in these decisions, he will find the following cases to be among the most instructive: Watson v. Jones, (Supreme Court of the United States), 13 Wall. 679; First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln v. First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Lincoln, 245 Ill. 74, 91 N. E. 761, 19 Ann. Cas. 275; Ramsey v. Hicks, 174 Ind. 428, 91 N. E. 344, 92 N. E. 164, 30 L. R. A. (N. S.) 665; Brown v. Clarke, 102 Tex. 323, 116 S. W., 360, 24 L. R. A. (N. S.) 670; Landrith v. Hudgins, (Tennessee), 120 S. W. 783.

We do not mean to intimate, should the Plan be legally adopted, that the property interests of the Church will necessarily be protected. In considering the properties of corporate Agencies of the Church, the Court will not only have to consider whether the Plan has been legally adopted, but also the questions whether the adoption of the Plan works a forfeiture of the charters and a dissipation of the funds. Under the laws of one State such questions may be answered in the affirmative, and under the law of another in the negative. In considering properties held subject to trusts, whether those trusts be established by wills or otherwise, the Court will also have to consider whether the adoption of the Plan, and the consequent annihilation of the Southern Methodist Church as a legal entity, will work forfeitures of the trusts, and this question under the law of one State may be answered in one way, and under the law of another in a different way. It clearly behooves those in charge of our Agencies and properties to ascertain what will be the effect of the legal adoption of this Plan on those properties and to inform the Church of the facts.

We have pointed out that the proposed Plan of Union will not only alter the Articles of Religion of our Church, but will also alter the present law prescribing the method of amending the Articles of Religion. The Rules and laws of our Church as interpreted by the highest ecclesiastical authorities are uniformly to the effect that any change in the Articles of Religion and therefore any change in the required method of amending an Article of Religion requires the approval of each Annual Conference and two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding.

The General Conference of 1808, which provided for a delegated General Conference, specifically withheld from the General Conference questions covered by the six Restrictive Rules (the First of which protects our Articles of Religion), and it further provided that should any change in the law or usages of Methodism, as thus protected by the Restrictive Rules, thereafter become necessary, such change might only be made upon the joint recommendation of all the Annual Conferences and by a two thirds majority of the General Conference succeeding.

The General Conference of 1828 requested that each of the Annual Conferences (with whom under the law the initiative rested), should recommend to the General Conference that alterations might be made in all the Restrictive Rules except the first, by a vote of two thirds of the General Conference, and three-fourths of all members of the several Annual Conferences, present and voting. In the quadrennium from 1828 to 1832, each Annual Conference complied with this request of the General Conference, and made such a recommendation to the General Conference of 1832. The General Conference of 1832 acting upon the joint recommendation of all the Annual Conferences, by a two-thirds vote proceeded accordingly to amend the paragraph governing the method of amending all the Restrictive Rules save the first. (Journal 1828, p. 253; Journal 1832, pp. 3778b, 382-385, 401b). The General Conference of 1808 was an all-powered body subject to no restrictions whatsoever, and the Supreme Court of the United States has specifically so held in the case of Smith v. Swormstedt, 16 How. 288, 14 L. Ed. 942. The original provision for the alteration of the first Restrictive Rule enacted by all-powerful General Conference of 1808 is still today the law of our Church and is found in paragraph 43 of our Discipline of 1934.

The foregoing actions of our highest ecclesiastical bodies is a practical interpretation of the law of our Church, namely:—that the procedure necessary to change a Restrictive Rule may itself be changed only by a vote as is required to alter the rule itself. **A fortiori**, since an Article of Religion may be altered only upon the recommendation of each Annual Conference and a two-thirds vote of the General Conference succeeding, the procedure required to change an Article of Religion may itself be amended only by the same vote.

Since as we have heretofore pointed out, the proposed Plan of Union radically alters the method by which an Article of Religion may be amended, that Plan can legally be adopted by our Church only by such a vote as is prescribed by our law to amend an Article of Religion.

But there is another reason why the Plan of Union cannot legally be adopted without the approval of each Annual Conference. As heretofore noted, the adoption of the Plan will affect a change in our Articles of Religion, and no change can legally be made therein save on the recommendation of each Annual Conference and a two-thirds vote of the General Conference succeeding. In this view the General Conferences of 1906, 1910, 1914, 1918 and 1922 have concurred, some of them unanimously and all of them overwhelmingly, and all the Bishops in office from 1906 to 1922 inclusive have officially so held.

At our General Conference of 1906, a special committee appointed to consider a change in our 23rd Article of Religion made an unanimous report to the General Conference. (See Journal 1906, page 129). This committee reported in part as follows:

"This committee is unanimously of the opinion that before any revocation, alteration or change can be constitutionally made in our 23rd Article of Religion, it must follow the course provided by the General Conference of 1808 as recited above.

And the committee recommended that the General Conference by a majority of two-thirds request of each Annual Conference that it authorize the change. The chairman of that committee was the late Bishop John J. Tigert, author of "A Constitutional History of American Episcopal Methodism." The Journal shows (p. 131) that the report was adopted by a vote of 217 to 1. On the following day the Conference agreed to reconsider, and an amendment was offered. The amendment was discussed, laid on the table and the original report was adopted by a vote of 220 to 7 (see Journal pp. 133-135.)

As a result of this action of the General Conference in requesting the Annual Conferences to initiate an alteration in the 23rd Article under the terms of the law covering amendments to the First Restrictive Rule, the matter was to be submitted to the Annual Conference during the quadrennium, 1906-1910. But by an oversight the matter was not submitted to the East Columbia and Montana Conferences, two of the smallest in the Church, and the Bishops and the Committee on Revisals reported to the General Conference of 1910 (see Journal p. 220), that by virtue of the irregularity, the required approval of all the Annual Conferences had not been obtained, and recommended that the proposed amendment to Article 23 be transmitted to those Annual Conferences and that the result of their action be reported to the General Conference of 1914.

On motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Revisals, the report was adopted.

During the quadrennium, 1910 to 1914, the proposed amendment was laid before these two Annual Conferences and was unanimously approved by them, and in the Episcopal address of 1924, the Bishops reported to the General Conference that all the Annual Conferences had approved the proposed alteration, and stated:

"The amendment now awaits for its formal adoption, the concurrence of this General Conference by a majority of two-thirds." (Journal 1914, pp. 56-57).

By an oversight the General Conference failed to take any action on the amendment and the Bishops in the Episcopal ad-

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. J. E. Hearn makes a quota charge of Sterlington and Marion. His list of eighteen, two more than his quota, adds eleven new names to our mailing list and gives us a thrill of hope for the future.

Rev. D. F. Anders, whose address is Oil City, has completed his quota for Mooringsport and Oil City charge. He is credited with sixteen subscriptions and that gives him a clear margin above his quota.

Rev. A. R. Hoffpauir, Grand Cane, sends a list of eleven subscribers which, with those sent previously, gives him a margin of two above his quota. That is a splendid achievement and we thank Brother Hoffpauir and his people.

Mansfield charge, Rev. John Rasmussen, pastor, has completed its quota of twenty-five subscriptions. This acknowledgment should have been made earlier, but the office was uncertain as to the credit of the subscriptions from Naborton as instruction did not accompany the list which was sent by Brother S. D. Moak, the loyal Advocate representative.

Rev. E. W. Day, pastor of the Rochelle-Tullos charge, has announced a meeting at Tullos, to begin on June 14.

Rev. D. B. Boddie is assisting Rev. J. A. Knight, of Indian Bayou, in a meeting this week, and he is also serving as ambassador for the Advocate.

Rev. H. W. Rickey and his people have completed plans for repairing the tower of our church at Jena; also for putting the basement in thorough condition for use.

Dr. Pierce Cline, president of Centenary College, has sent a reminder of the Pastors' School to the preachers of Louisiana. The school will be held on Centenary campus, beginning June 21.

Mrs. C. L. Barmore, of Little Creek church in the Monroe District, sends her subscription for the credit of Mangham charge. We appreciate also her word of commendation for the paper.

Rev. R. R. Branton, our pastor at Natchitoches, has been in great demand during the commencement season, preaching three baccalaureate sermons—one of these at the high school in Many.

Rev. E. W. Day wrote the office for the mailing list for Rochelle charge, but he writes that he got in a hurry and raised more than his quota without waiting for the list. He says, too, it was a real pleasure to do it.

Rev. J. C. Sensintaffer and his people have recently purchased fifty of the new Hymnals for our Methodist church in Jonesville. The pastor is being assisted in a meeting, June 3-13, by Rev. R. M. Bentley, of Wisner.

The various churches and pastors of Leesville are sponsoring a weekly church page in the local paper, **The Leesville Leader.** Rev. J. W. Faulk, of the Methodist Church, contributed the message in the issue of May 27.

Rev. L. E. Crooks, pastor of Bienville charge, favors us with a copy of a quarterly magazine which he is publishing. Brother Crooks was the baccalaureate preacher for the Bienville High School recently. A class of eighteen was graduated.

Rev. A. M. Martin reports a fine meeting in progress at Lottie with Rev. L. W. Cain doing the preaching. On the fifth day of the meeting, eleven members had been received into the church, and the meeting was scheduled to run another week.

Rev. J. F. Dring, Dubach, sends a list of subscribers which we credit on the quota of his charge. He expects to be able to complete his campaign in the near future. No man is more loyal to every interest of the Church than is Brother Dring.

Rev. Jack H. Midyett sends us a list of subscribers from Oak Ridge charge. One of these subscriptions, that of Mrs. Aber Barr Files, is the renewal of the subscription of Rev. D. C. Barr of sainted memory, and it is a worthy tribute to a great soul.

Rev. B. C. Taylor sends us a list of nineteen subscriptions which he secured in a personal canvass of a little more than a day. This brings his list to twenty-one on a quota of twenty-four, and it will probably be completed by the time this report goes to press.

The Methodist church at Grayson has recently suffered the loss of two valuable members — Mrs. W. R. Broadway, who died at a sanitarium in Monroe on May 25, and Mr. Hanchey whose daughter, Mrs. Bennett, is a preacher in the Methodist Protestant Church.

Plans have been made by Rev. Edgar C. Dufresne of Ferriday and Rev. J. C. Sensintaffer of Jonesville for vacation schools during the summer in cooperation with the Presbyterians of their respective towns. The Trout and Good Pine churches Rev. W. D. Milton, pastor, will conduct a vacation school in the Trout church.

In a meeting at Vidalia, Sicily Island, charge, the pastor, Rev. J. C. Price is being assisted by Rev. Martin Hebert, of West Monroe. A Methodist church at Clayton, in the bounds of the same charge, has recently been organized with eighteen members and the pastor will conduct a meeting there at an early date.

Dr. and Mrs. Dana Dawson with their son, Dana, Jr., will leave Shreveport on June 14, for a three-month trip abroad. They sail from New York on June 19, and will spend four weeks on the Continent where Dr. Dawson will preach twice in the American Church in Paris, and then he will spend a month as guest preacher for the Hoylake Presbyterian Church in Liverpool.

Rev. F. C. Collins, pastor at Pelican, has completed his new parsonage and has moved in, and as soon as the furnishings are in, he expects to hold "open house" for the members and friends who made it possible. The house is said to be a gem, a credit to the charge, and no debt remains to cause a heartache in the years to come. We extend sincere congratulations to Brother Collins and his people.

On Tuesday, June 1, a group of pastors in the vicinity of Natchitoches met in the church there to discuss matters of importance to the Alexandria District and the conference. A similar group meeting was held in the afternoon of the same day in the Methodist church at Jena, and another at the First Methodist Church in Alexandria on the following Thursday afternoon. Dr. Marion S. Monk and the presiding elder led in the discussions.

Rev. Charles W. Lahey, pastor at Boyce, has the sympathy of many friends in Louisiana on account of the loss of his father, who died on Sunday, May 23, at his home in Winchester, Indiana. Brother Lahey, a devout Methodist, was in his eightieth year and he took a deep interest in his preacher son. Brother Lahey lost his mother on January 2, of this year, but her mother, still living, is ninety-five years old.

At a memorial service at Beulah Church, Pleasant Hill charge, on the morning of May 30, it was estimated that one thousand persons were present. In the afternoon there was a preaching service, followed by the second Q. C. for the charge. An offering was received which brought the church to date on its assessment for ministerial support. During the session of the Q. C., Mrs. Woodward, one of the conference officers of the Woman's Missionary Society, addressed a group of women in the Alexandria district, and Mrs. James Potts, both of Alexandria, addressed a group of young people. Rev. B. D. Watson is the pastor.

The total accepted on General and Conference work by First Methodist Church, Alexandria, La., is $1790, and one-half of the amount has already been sent the conference treasurer. The west wall of the main auditorium of the church having been found to be in a condition unsafe, the services are being held in the spacious assembly hall of the Christian Education building. The work of repairing the wall and of re-decorating the main auditorium has meant an unexpected and heavy expense to the congregation, but the pastor, Dr. Marion S. Monk, and his people have provided for the necessary funds, and the work will soon be completed.

THE PASTORS' SCHOOL AND CONFERENCE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Final plans have been completed for the Pastors' School, June 21-25. The total cost of the school is $6—$5 for room and board and $1.00 for registration.

The Rotary building will be available for the men and the Colonial Hall for the ladies. The latter has been recently redecorated and hardwood floors have been placed in the halls. Living conditions this year should be most satisfactory. Mrs. J. B. Intriken will serve as registrar and will answer any correspondence relating to rooms. Her address is Centenary College.

The courses offered are:

The Pastor and His Task—Dr. B. G. Hodge, Nashville , Tenn.

The Teachings of Jesus — Dr. Ernest C. Webb, Dallas, Texas.

Christian Service for Adults—Dr. B. M. McKeown, Nashville, Tenn.

Senior Young People Administration—Rev. A. L. Gilmore, Lafayette, La.

Course in Children's Work—Mrs. Maggie Mae Burrows, Columbia, Miss.

Leadership for Mission Study Groups —Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Tyler, Texas.

Platform — Dr. J. N. R. Score, Fort Worth, Texas.

Laymen, give your pastor a vacation by sending him to the Pastors' School. Church School superintendents, see that your teachers are well represented. Missionary society presidents, see that your leaders are present. We hope to double the enrollment of last year.

Classes will begin on the afternoon of June 21.

B. C. Taylor, Dean.

HENNING MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 9: MOTHER'S DAY—The young people's department entertained their mothers at their evening meeting with a special Mother's Day program. A dedication was made to all mothers by placing a bouquet of flowers before the Virgin Mother.

MAY 16: CHURCH SCHOOL DAY—The entire church school was presented to the assembly in a special church school program. The class rooms were visited and all departments observed.

MAY 23: HONORING THE GRADUATES—Rev. D. B. Boddie held services in honor of the high school graduates and the old graduates of Sulphur High School Sunday night, May 23. The church was decorated in school colors and with the class flowers.

MAY 28: PARTY FOR GRADUATES—The Sulphur Young People's department honored the High School graduates on Friday night, May 28, with a party that was unusual and full of good and wholesome fun.

ESMA JOHN,
Church School Reporter.

CHASE, LA.

Dear Dr. Duren:

I am enclosing my personal check for $1.60 to pay for my renewal to the **Advocate.** You may credit Gilbert Church quota with same.

I truly get some real good from your "Wallets of the Week" as well as yours and Dr. Carley's Editorials. I wish that in the campaign our preachers would impress upon our membership the importance and benefits of reading these columns. I was very much impressed with the advice of Arthur Brisbane regarding young people in the church as well as his school advice. I also was greatly impressed by some remarks of his in his book, "Storing Up Triple Reserves" — which Bro. Ledbetter presented to me while we both were in Rayville, he stated that we had hospitals for physical and mental ailments where we could go when necessary, but he thought that probably our churches were not being the hospitals for the spiritual ailments that they should —this book was written some years ago but it was mighty good food for thought, a real "eye opener" to me.

Dear Brother R. W. Tucker, now dead, was one of the best preachers I've been privileged to serve under, Bro. Rickey, Senior, as good a pastor as we have ever had, in fact I would say that all of them during my time have been good consecrated men doing their best for Christianity, and that brings me up to the present time and our splendid young worker and his wife — Ira and Agatha—Bro. and Mrs. Flowers, whom I knew for a number of years at League Assembly — they are energetic, ambitious, real hustlers for the church and community. We already had a fairly well equipped community room in our basement and now, under the direction of Bro. Flowers and other local workers and with the assistance of Miss Mary Mims we have a community organization with Bro. Flowers and Bro. Cook, our Baptist pastor, as chairmen. They plan to do much for the health, recreation and beautification of the community.

I read in your columns about liquor and the girls employed so, I am sending you a pamphlet used here during our campaign in which we voted legal whiskey out of the parish; also a pamphlet "A challenge to youth" put out this month by Bro. Bentley, of Wisner, this month along with his magazine dealing with the alcohol situation.

W. L. McDuff

INDIAN BAYOU CHURCH

With reference to the contribution of the Indian Bayou Church to the ministry of the church, I failed to include some names that belong in that honored group. The names omitted are as follows: Rev. Abel Hoffpauir (deceased and brother of the late J. Ivy Hoffpauir whose name was mentioned); Reverend J. Hervey Hoffpauir (deceased and nephew of the two brothers aforementioned); Reverend A. W. Hoffpauir, who died in 1915 while pastor at Covington, La., a brother of Reverend Lastie Hoffpauir, our pastor at Rayville, La.; and Reverend A. R. Hoffpauir, our pastor at Grand Cane, La.; also Reverend J. L. Cady, superannuate, of Crowley, La. and Reverend J. W. Faulk, our pastor at Leesville, La. These and those mentioned in connection with the publishing of the picture of the church have a direct or at least some connection with the membership of the church. There may be and are, I feel sure, many others who should be included in this honored list but I do not have the information concerning them.

I desire also to mention this further information which I failed to include in the original article: The debt incurred in moving the church and rebuilding it where the building now stands of approximately $1800.00 or more was paid out in full during the pastorate of Rev. G. H. Corry in 1934 through the combined efforts of some influential friends of the church and the membership by first having the debt discounted to $1,200 for a cash settlement and then paying it out in full.

Jas. A. Knight.

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. Hugh C. Castle sends a list of sixteen subscriptions from Magee, which is three more than the quota for his charge. To Brother Castle and the good people of Magee, we say thank you all.

Rev. J. B. King, pastor at Seminary, has sent in sixteen subscriptions on a quota of ten. Five of his last list of seven names are new and we hope to make them fast friends of the paper.

Rev. James L. Sells, Mt. Olive, records another victory in his Advocate campaign. He has already exceeded his quota and expects to do more yet. Twenty-five per cent of his list are new subscribers.

Rev. Seth W. Granberry, pastor at New Augusta, sends a list of thirteen subscriptions, the full quota for his charge. He sends also a report of his work, which we are having to hold until next week. We sincerely appreciate Bro. Granberry's unfailing loyalty to the Advocate.

Rev. J. D. Slay, pastor at Collins, has our thanks for a list of seven subscriptions which we credit to the campaign quota for his charge.

Rev. H. L. Daniels, Wesson and Beauregard charge, is beginning his Advocate campaign. Judging by his record in the past, we confidently expect that he will achieve full success in the undertaking.

Rev. H. Mellard reports that the revival at Kreole was very successful. Of the thirty-three new members received, all but three were on profession of faith. Brother Mellard speaks very appreciatively of the work done by Rev. and Mrs. Fenwick Reed.

Rev. L. R. Shumaker, Mathersville charge, says that his people are "so anxious to have a good preacher that they have set themselves to the task of trying to improve the one they have." The charge is planning to send the pastor to the Pastors' School.

Rev. C. W. Wesley, Canton, Miss., in a much appreciated business note adds a word with reference to his work. Rev. J. A. Smith, of Meridian, assisted Brother Wesley in his revival campaign. The people were delighted by the preaching of Dr. Smith, and twenty-seven members were added to the membership of the church.

Morton charge, under the leadership of Rev. Clyde H. Gunn, is making substantial progress along all lines. Rev. J. F. Campbell of Laurel did the preaching in the revival services, and several new members were added. A vacation church school suceceded beyond the expectation as to the enrollment and the work was done in a very helpful way.

Rev. W. B. Jones, presiding elder of the Meridian District, has sent a letter to all his pastors making strong appeal for the campaign in the interest of Whitworth College, and for the Advocate. We feel assured that the leadership of Brother Jones and Brother Victor Clifford will bring the Advocate campaign to a victorious conclusion.

Dr. Joseph A. Smith, of Central Church, Meridian, was the commencement speaker at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., on June 2. Sixty-three received the Bachelor of Arts degree, and eighteen more will receive their degrees at the end of the summer school. The commencement exercises were held in the Hughes Memorial Auditorium, with Dr. Henry Clay Morrison presiding.

Magee charge and Rev. Hugh C. Castles are concluding a happy and a fruitful quadrennium together. Brother Castles pays high tribute to the loyalty and consecration of his people. He says that not a special call has been overlooked, five hundred dollars has been raised on the new parsonage and for the liquidation of an old debt at the bank, and current obligations are well cared for. Rev. Ira Williams, of Tylertown, is assisting him in a meeting which began last Sunday.

Mrs. T. B. Cottrell, who has been making her home with a son in Indianola, Miss., writes that she is leaving for "an extended visit with children in Texas." Her address is 428 S. Fannin, Tyler, Tex. Mrs. Cottrell writes beautifully of the Mississippi Conference and of the Advocate. For a number of years she served nobly in the Mississippi Conference, of which her late husband was a member; she was president of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society, and her affections abide with the field where she toiled so long. Many prayers and good wishes follow her to her new abode.

NOTICE, MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

To the Presiding Elders, Pastors, and Golden Cross Directors of the Mississippi Conference:

Have just gotten a report from F. Y. Whitfield, treasurer, on the Golden Cross Enrollment, and the following charges have reported to June 4, 1937:

Brookhaven District, none; Hattiesburg District, Bay Springs, Collins, Shubuta, Magee, Montrose and Ellisville; Jackson District, Canton, Homewood and Clinton; Meridian District, Hawkins Memorial, East End and Union; Seashore District, Bay St. Louis and Coalville; Vicksburg District, Silver City and Woodville.

So far, the Hattiesburg District leads in the number of charges reporting, and the amount reported; in fact, more than all the other Districts, also the largest enrollment in any charge is from this District.

May I appeal to all of you who have not put on the enrollment to do so at once, and if you have put it on and have not remitted to the Conference treasurer, please do this. Let's have a hundred per cent this year in the enrollment.

W. D. HAWKINS,
Golden Cross Director.

ATTENTION! MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE!

Perhaps the most important meeting of the Historical Society of the Mississippi Annual Conference that has ever been held will be held on Thursday afternoon, June 24, during the Pastors' School at Biloxi.

Every minister of the Mississippi Conference is nominally a member of the Historical Society, and we are calling for full attendance and full cooperation from every one who attends the Pastors' School. Accordingly, we are asking that our pastors refrain from making other engagements for that afternoon. We are asking Bishop Dobbs to meet with us and will announce the definite hour of the meeting at a later date.

Let every pastor who has not returned the Historical Record Blanks of his churches, filled in as best possible, to Rev. W. B. Jones, P. O. Box 691, Meridian Miss., do so by June 15, that all such matter may be in hand before Pastors' School. To the many pastors who have already attended to this, we extend our hearty thanks.

Geo. H. Jones,
Secretary, Historical Society.

LEGAL ACTION REQUIRED TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED PLAN OF METHODIST UNION

(Continued from page 5)

dress of 1918 unanimously called attention to this oversight and to the fact that the General Conference of 1918 could not complete the constitutional process because that General Conference was not the "General Conference succeeding" the vote in the Annual Conferences, and the Bishops recommended that:

" * * * because of the importance of the question, we recommend that this General Conference, a majority of two-thirds agreeing, request all the Annual Conferences once more to vote on the amendment."

To this recommendation the General Conference, by a vote of 241 to 0, acceded, and passed a resolution "concurring in the recommendation of the Episcopal address." (Journal 1918, pp. 342, 125f).

To the General Conference of 1922 the Bishops unanimously reported that during the quadrennium 1918-1922, each Annual Conference had voted in favor of the change, the total vote in all the Annual Conferences being 4779 to 9, and the Bishops said:

"Every Annual Conference having voted for this change, it remains for the General Conference to consider the matter. Should the General Conference by a vote of two-thirds concur with the Annual Conferences, the change will be authorized."

That General Conference, by a vote of 299 to 0 concurred, thereby completing the constitutional process for amending the 23rd Article of Religion. (Journal 1922, pp. 39f, 160).

This official construction placed upon the law originally adopted by the General Conference of 1808, relative to the amendment of an Article of Religion, by five of our General Conferences, and by our College of Bishops on five occasions, being as it is in accord with the requirement of the law of 1808, which still remains the law of our Church, shows that no change may be made in an Article of Religion or in the method of amending an Article of Religion, without the concurrence of each Annual Conference, and two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding.

The first signer of this paper was for sixteen years a member of the Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for twelve years thereof he was its Chairman. During that time the Book Committee was forced on one occasion to file a petition before the proper Court in Tennessee to remove certain objections to its title to property, and on another occasion the book committee was brought into Court by the officials of the State of Tennessee on a question affecting the financial operations of the Publishing House. The other signer of this paper has been for the past twelve years a practicing attorney in Virginia, and has had many occasions to consider the relationship between the secular and the ecclesiastical law, and the necessity that exists in all ecclesiastical matters that the laws and rules of the Church be complied with in all matters affecting property interests.

We do not mean to intimate that if this plan be validly adopted by our Church, litigation will be prevented. On the contrary we are convinced that much litigation will be necessary because the Plan does not determine how various property interests shall be adjusted, nor does it offer any assistance to those administering trust monies in determining what will be the application of those monies. These defects and silences in the Plan which will make litigation necessary, do not, however, come within the purview of the subject with which we are now dealing, namely:—the action on behalf of our Church necessary to adopt the Plan. We do know that a considerable part of the friction and litigation which will develop should those in favor of the plan attempt to carry it into effect without the approval of each Annual Conference, will be obviated if the Church frankly recognizes that under its law the Plan cannot be legally adopted without the approval of each Annual Conference.

It will, of course, be understood that in addition to the approval of each Annual Conference, and two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding, this Plan, because of other provisions contained in it, will require, for its legal adoption, a vote of three-fourths of the members of the several Annual Conferences, present and voting.

COLLINS DENNY, one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

COLLINS DENNY, JR., formerly Assistant Attorney-General of Virginia.

Richmond, Virginia,
May 19, 1937.

THE BIBLE AND ITS MISSION

The Bible is the very word of God breathed into the souls of those who wrote the sacred precepts, and is defined as the sword of the spirit. The first Bible to be printed was in the English language, in 1535. The editions were very much in demand, as there were only a few and they were chained to pulpits and kept under lock and key. People walked for miles to sit and listen to the reading of the Book. Four hundred years age we only had the Bible printed in English. Now it can be obtained in almost four hundred languages. Ten million are usually sold in England. Queen Victoria said that the Bible was the secret of England's greatness.

Since God is the Author, the Bible is the most priceless treasure one can possess. How desolate this world would be if we had no Bibles! It contains the most necessary food for spiritual growth. It is the light that guides the feet to the heavenly home, and warns one of the forbidden path. It has the power to transform the vilest sinner into a saint. Reading its pages soothes the weary body and calms the troubled spirit.

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"How precious is the Book divine,
By inspiration given;
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our feet to heaven."

MRS. E. W. SOREY.

SEEING GOD

By Alice Wynn

In all of nature's opulence
The heart of God I see—
In the warm tint of a prairie flower
Or a song bird's morning reveille.

I see Him in a pastor who,
Not counting present gain or loss,
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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Dr. T. W. Lewis is a veteran in service and loyalty to every interest of the Church. We are in his debt for the full Advocate quota of Calhoun City charge. He and his people do not propose to be left behind in any race.

Rev. R. G. Lord, pastor at Tunica, sends a list of ten subscriptions on his quota of twelve. We appreciate his loyalty and his splendid work for the paper.

Dr. V. C. Curtis, pastor at Aberdeen, is investing his time and energy in a personal canvass for the **Advocate**. Such is characteristic of the thoroughgoing method of Dr. Curtis' work.

Rev. J. C. Watson, pastor at Vaiden and West began a meeting at West last Sunday. He reports progress in his **Advocate** campaign, and says also that he hopes to reach his quota again.

Rev. A. Y. Brown, pastor at Ackerman, is in the midst of his **Advocate** campaign. He is also one of the **Advocate** zone leaders of the Columbus district, and he carries the interest of his own field into the campaign in the wider area.

Miss Martha Louise Ray, daughter of Mrs. Olin Ray was one of the graduates of New Albany High School at the recent commencement. We congratulate both Miss Martha Louise and her mother upon the happy hour in her educational progress.

Rev. J. H. Felts, of Fulton, Ky., was the commencement preacher at Grenada College on May 30, according to **The Grenada Sentinel**. The last pastorate which Brother Felts served before his retirement was at Grenada and the **Grenada Sentinel** carried his unique and impressive sermon in full. The graduating class numbered forty-six.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

A statement from the conference treasurer, Mr. J. H. Johnson, Clarksdale, Mississippi, carried in the Advocate of May 27, shows the amounts pledged and paid to date by the six districts of our conference.

The Aberdeen district is in the lead not only in the total amount paid to date but also in the number of charges contributing, twenty-eight of their thirty-three charges having made payments. We believe early payments mean much toward success in securing our pledges in full. Some of our charges have delayed securing benevolences because of the Bishops' Crusade, but now that that is behind us we hope many more charges in the conference will send in substantial payments soon.

If any of our pastors would like to have literature to help in giving information to the people concerning our benevolences the Board of Lay Activities will be glad to supply all that is needed on request, free of charge.

A. Y. Brown, Chairman,
Budget Commission.

FROM A SUPERANNUATE

Dear Mr. Duren:

I read the Nashville Advocate, the New Orleans and the Southwestern, besides our dailies, that is enough for a ninety year old preacher. I have been impressed lately with the reports of our pastors from all points of our great church. I have not seen a report which tells us of a conversion, but they tell of the number joining the church. This question arises in my mind, Which is the greatest work, getting a soul converted, or getting him to join the church? I maintain that the conversion is vastly more important. The converting of any one is the transfer of that one from the army of the wicked one to the family of the children of God. In a hard battle with evil in a hard settlement some sixty years ago, a young and a desperately wicked boy came to the altar and he was happily converted. He walked out and took his old mother by the hand, and led her to the altar. He then went back in the crowd and took his uncle by the hand and led him to the altar. I made the older one steward of the church, and old Four Mile still echoes the effect of that meeting northwest of Starkville, Miss., fifty-nine years ago.

Is it not sad for Methodism when our ministers get where they will ignore altar exercises, and where they ignore the presence of the Spirit of God moving upon the hearts and consciences of the people as the only power that can bring about a real revival of religion? I was once a revivalist, but I depended upon divine help, and not on human efforts alone.

Yours in Christ,
S. W. Miller

GROUP CONFERENCE AT BLACK HAWK, GREENWOOD DISTRICT

There will be a group conference held at Black Hawk on Tuesday, June 15, composed of the following charges: Carrollton, Vaiden and West, Tchula and Black Hawk. "Brother Fred" McDonald will be present with about fifty of his children from our Orphanage to sing for the group. The program will begin at 10 a.m. and close about 3 p.m. In addition to the sermon at 11 a.m., the District Lay Leader will be present and make a short talk in the afternoon. The children will begin the service with a selection of songs and will also sing in the afternoon. Mr. Editor, we would be delighted to have you present and preach for us at 11 o'clock. The good people of Black Hawk will prepare a lengthy table on which the lunch, furnished by each group, will be spread at the noon hour.

A. T. McILWAIN, P. E.

GREENWOOD DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Many people detest a boaster. I am one of which. I have seen a few preachers who would say: "We have the best church and people in the district, the best preachers and presiding elder in the conference; and all and in all our district is the smoothest running of them all." I never could enjoy talk like that and yet I am coming to say this, that the truth is mighty, and even if it sounds like boasting, the public deserves to know it. All this should be said of the Greenwood District for it's eminently true. Part of this truth was evidenced at our district conference at Sunflower. Brother Dowdle is a polite and courteous as well as a great and good man. Our Elder, Brother McIlwain is affected in the same way. I would add this, in speaking of him, "Knowledge comes and wisdom lingers," and his wits are matched with ours, turns the green to fruits and flowers, Half thine and half mine. Thank you Tennyson.

Time would fail me to speak of "Barak and Sampson," our secretary was Sampson, we call him Roy Beasley, he has the strength to keep a correct record in a neat book—take a look at that book at annual conference—oh boy! what a joy to see that book and to know Roy.

We did all those things the other district conferences have done except, of course, more of it and in a better way. Now, don't you get mad at me, all of us love the truth.

I have a great mind to say something about the Advocate for every Methodist should read it—that's the way you get Christian education. The fellow that don't get his quota in our district, we are going to make him go foot and put a dunce cap on his head.

Before I go I must say something about those lovely Sunflower people—my, how they did treat us and feed us. The Lord bless every one of them—I love "um."

I hate to do it, but I must speak about one "fly in the ointment," the night of the district conference, some low-down, good-for-nothing impolite thief came by Sunflower from some big city—it would take a big city to hold a thief like that—and stole W. D. Bennett's car—it would not have been so bad, but he did not have any insurance. I wish you boys would send him ten dollars a piece. A preacher needs a car worse than a fisherman needs a hook.

Our delegates are as follows:

T. C. Sledge, Judge M. H. Pierce, B. P. Brooks, Mrs. A. T. McIlwain, Mrs. W. I. Henley, E. V. Catoe, J. C. Cledge, Dr. T. M. Riddell, T. W. Gwin, Mrs. C. L. Lomarx, E. W. Williams, E. M. Birdsong, D. T. Ruff.

Alternates: J. B. Streater, R. R. Knight, Mrs. O. W. Nixon, J. R. Bain, Calvin Johnson.

R. T. Hollingsworth.

DEBTS

Dear Dr. Duren:

I have been a pastor in the Methodist Church for twenty years. I joined the North Alabama Conference, and served seven years there as pastor, then transferred to the North Mississippi Conference, and have served here for thirteen years. When I was admitted on trial into the Annual Conference, this question was asked of me, as it is asked of all applicants who seek admission into the annual conference, "Are you in debt so as to embarrass you?" I am quite sure this one thing would prevent any man from being admitted into any of the annual conferences. Since I've been in the conference, I have heard the presiding bishops exhort at every annual conference and caution the preachers not to get in debt. Bishop Denny never failed to say something about this matter. While he presided over the North Mississippi Conference, he went so far as to intimate that a Methodist preacher rather than go in debt, lt would be a credit and honor to die of starvation. To be exact he said of those preachers that were in debt that they justified themselves by saying, "Oh, I have got to live." He said, "Aw, no you don't have to live. Who told you, you had to live?"

There seems to be a line drawn on the preachers in our church in regard to the debt proposition. I do know, as all Methodist preachers know, what the conference will do for the preacher who gets hopelessly into debt.

Now, Dr. Duren, I am out here on the firing line and am being embarrassed by questions that I cannot answer. In the last drive we had for the Bishops' Crusade, I was asked what right has the Board of Mission to get in debt? And why will the board do what the church will not allow its ministers to do? Also in regard to Grenada College, it has been in debt for years and our people are being appealed to lift the load. A few men have said to me, "why did they not ask us about making the debt instead of helping to pay the debt?" Also the Orphans' Home at Jackson. That awful debt, I wonder if the conference made this debt or a board of trustees? I am sure all we have at Grenada, and at the Orphans' Home is needed, and we ought to have them. And I've heard of no complaint against them. As a pastor in the church, I have needed many things I never got. Since there is a rule and principle laid down by the church to govern its ministers, I am unable to see why it does not apply to all departments of our church work.

Now, Dr. Duren, believing in you as I do to be a man of conviction, disregarding both the individual and the group, will it not help the cause to give us some ground of justification if there be any, why a church board or an institution can be permitted to go into debt, when the church denies its ministers that right, however great his need may be. You will oblige me very much to give this write-up in the **Christian Advocate.** I am sure it will be a help to others who, like myself, are seeking information.

T. W. Smallwood.

"RUSTICUS"

Dear Doctor Duren: I have never been a "cusser," nor have I ever had so much as the desire to engage in or listen to "such talk." But watching from the side-lines, and listening, I have found the right kind of cussing, the rusty kind. Strange Observations by RUSTICUS hit the spot every time he shot. He has both seen and heard things. Benefit games "in the Name of the Lord" are unworthy of us. Dancing for charity (?), Sunday movies for charity, all the devices of those who neither know nor love the Lord, are more truly marks of degeneration than regeneration. The revival we need includes common honesty and devotion that provokes generous and happy giving and paying. I know of one community that gave a benefit dance for the cemetery. I am looking for some organization that will give benefit dances for funerals. I trust that RUSTICUS will continue to make observations and shoot rifles.

JAMES H. FELTS.

OUR GRATITUDE TO THE CHURCH

By W. G. Cram, General Secretary, Board of Missions.

The first phase of the Bishop's Crusade, which dealt with our missionary work, has triumphantly concluded. A new spirit of hopefulness, cooperation and passion for world evangelization came to the Church. Much information was given to the people. The financial goal was reached.

At the present moment a total of $390,000 in cash and pledges has been reported. Of this amount, $300,000 has been paid in. Returns are still coming in. It seems certain, therefore, that the Bishops' prediction of $400,000 pledged will be fulfilled. We will be able to liquidate the depression debt of the Board of Missions when the balance of the pledges of approximately $100,000 is paid into the Treasury,

For this fine consummation the Board of Missions is profoundly grateful to Almighty God. We are convinced that it was His will. We believe His Spirit led and will continue to lead the Bishops' Crusade, and that its final issue will be a great spiritual awakening in our Church.

On behalf of the Board of Missions and our missionaries at home and abroad, I express the deepest gratitude to the Bishops of the Church for an unparalleled leadership and loyalty in this one of the great movements in the history of our Church.

There were relatively few large gifts. Most of the money came in contributions of a few dollars each, though of course many in fortunate circumstances gave larger amounts. Many, many thousands of our people made the success possbile, and we are sincerely grateful to them all.

The liquidation of our indebtedness will release large sums for our work in the fields. This will be used to increase our depleted personnel, to strengthen our institutions and lines of work which have so greatly suffered, and to build up a revolving fund which will make it unnecessary to borrow money for current operations, save interest charges, and enable the Board to stay out of debt when the giving of the Church declines.

At its last session the Board authorized the immediate sending of fourteen new foreign missionaries. Twelve of these were actually accepted and presented to the Board; two others will be selected and sent out as soon as possible. It was a most thrilling sight when these fifteen young persons, three being wives of the new missionaries, were called forward and assigned to foreign lands.

Four of these were sent out by the Woman's Section of the Board. One is supported by the Norfolk District of the Virginia Conference, and another by the South Carolina Conference. The others could not have been sent had not the Bishops' Crusade relieved the Board of so much of its burden.

Because the principal income of the Board derived from the Benevolences does not come in until the Conferences meet in the fall, we have always had to borrow money to finance our work during a large part of the year, thus necessitating an annual outlay for interest. Ordinarily the Board would have borrowed considerable sums by the middle of May. This year, however, we have borrowed nothing. Furthermore, we have paid $300,000 on our indebtedness before it was due and thus secured a refund of $2,200 on interest already paid.

Thanks to the loyalty and sacrificial fidelity of our preachers and people, the Board is preparing to move forward all along the line. It must be remembered that our annual income is "pegged" at about half the pre-depression normal, and until that situation is remedied our evangelistic operations must remain much curtailed. But on the basis of our reduced income our budget is balanced, our work stabilized, our field morale restored and the future promising. We are profoundly grateful to God and the **Church, to whom the work belongs.**

Christian Education

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON
June 13

J. R. Countiss

The Brotherly Kindness of Judah

The appeal of Judah for the release of Benjamin is one of the very finest short speeches on record. He speaks with eloquent simplicity and touching earnestness and climaxes his plea with the proposal to enter prison in Benjamin's place. There can be no higher proof of sincerity. Deeds are the true measure of the value of words. Patrick Henry closed his address to the hesitant House of Burgesses with the cry: "Give me liberty, or give me death." Jesus fortified his prayer for his disciples by adding: "For their sakes I sanctify myself."

The love manifested by Judah was as much filial as fraternal. To all appearances, Benjamin was guilty as charged and deserved the penalty about to be imposed. Judah was moved with fear that grief at the loss of Benjamin would prove fatal to the father who had suffered so long in his bereavement of Joseph. Moreover, his own integrity was involved: he had solemnly pledged his father the safe return of Benjamin, the beloved child of his old age. All in all, Judah shows himself to be a great man, well worthy to be called the lion among the offspring of Jacob.

Had he resorted to deceit, how quickly he could have been exposed and shamed by Joseph who was all too familiar with the treachery that had led Jacob to suppose that he himself had been "torn to pieces" by a ravenous beast. The willingness of Judah to suffer in lieu of Benjamin proved to Joseph that a genuine change had come over his brethren since they so cruelly sold him into slavery. Smitten by his guilty conscience, he confessed, "God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants," and declared the readiness of the entire group to become the slaves of Joseph. Truly, their sin had found them out. Joseph's dreams had come true at last. Love had its triumph over hate.

The family is the basic social institution, taking precedence over all others. Those who do not learn in the home the fundamental virtues of civilization never acquire them at all. There men learn that they are brothers, learn love, loyalty, forbearance, cooperation, and the power of social integrity. There they learn also the greater love of the father whose heart is grieved over the slightest hurt to the least of his children. That lesson brings men near to the kingdom of God and prepares the way for that love for humanity without which all profession of love to God is worse than mockery. Judah preferred imprisonment and slavery to freedom and return to Jacob if "the lad be not with us." With this dramatic example in mind, how dare any professed Christian face the heavenly Father if he has without concern or effort left his brother man to suffer in the far country of sin?

There is a personal, individual love, such as that born of kinship, of friendship, of association that is intimate and rewarding, like unto the love of Jesus for John and James and Mary and Lazarus, but Christian love must extend to every child of the Father, to the worthy and the unworthy of every race and creed, and be made manifest by acting always out of generous, unselfish good will. Only by so doing can we become perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect.

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The Christian Fireside

HOW OLD AM I?

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I am young enough to desire success, and old enough to know that it can never be attained at the cost of health or character.

I am young enough to want money, and old enough to know that true wealth consists not in abundance of things one possesses.

I am young enough to covet fame, and old enough to know that better than fame is the joy of spending oneself in self-forgetful, loving service.

I am young enough to enjoy a good time, and old enough to know that one cannot have a good time if pleasure-seeking is put first in the life.

I am young enough to be intensely enthusiastic about people and things, and old enough not to let my enthusiasm run away with me.

I am young enough to love to play, and old enough to have learned that the most fun is having a hard task and seeing it bravely through.

I am young enough to want to be beautiful, and old enough to know that true beauty is from within.

I am young enough to seek far and wide for Truth, and old enough to know that I most often find it in being faithful to the task in hand.

I am young enough to make many mistakes, and old enough to learn the lesson, forget the experience, and pass on to better things.

I am young enough to dread sorrow, and old enough to be grateful for its chastening, mellowing influence.

I am young enough to long for happiness, and old enough to know that it tarries longest with us when we seek it least.

I am young enough to crave true friends, and old enough to appreciate them when I find them.

I am young enough to believe in the goodness of the human heart, and old enough to keep that faith regardless of some disillusionments.

I am young enough to know love, and old enough to realize it is the most priceless possession of life.

I am young enough to have simple faith in God, in His goodness, in His loving care over me, in His wise and beautiful Plan for my life, and old enough to value this faith as the thing that gives life purpose and makes it worth living.

It's the same with you, isn't it?

—Author Unknown.

I HAVE PLAYED THE FOOL

Some years ago when a young circuit preacher and his wife were paying a Christmas visit to his wife's people, the pastor invited him to preach at the evening service and the invitation was accepted. The pastor preached on Christmas morning and announced that the visiting preacher would hold forth at the evening hour. At the close of the morning service, one of the older members insisted that the pastor should do his own preaching. The pastor countered by saying that the visitor was an accredited minister of the church and that his wife's people were members of that congregation, therefore, it was a courtesy which he could not escape. Then the complaining member said, "He will only humiliate the family. I do not blame you, but he ought to have had better sense than to accept the invitation, for he knows he can't preach." When the hour came for the service the good woman was seated on the front seat prepared for the worst. At the request of the visiting minister, the pastor conducted the service up to the point of the sermon. Then, without reading a passage of Scripture or any other preliminary word, the preacher assumed a dramatic pose as he announced the words of his text: "Behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly." For the pastor and for the good sister who registered the protest, that was one of life's tensest moments, but a coincidence by which the situation was reversed instantly.

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Methodist Women

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Stanley Wilson,
2212 15th St., Meridian, Miss.

Dear Superintendent of Study:

I hope that you are planning to attend our Mississippi Conference and Pastors' School at Seashore Camp Ground, Biloxi, June 21-26. We are especially anxious that the Auxiliary Superintendents of Study, the zone leaders, and all Conference officers who cannot go to Mount Sequoyah, or Lake Junaluska this summer, take advantage of our conference school.

The course "Leadership of Mission Study Groups" wlil be taught by Mrs. W. M. Alexander and will be based on Smith's "New Trails for Christian Teachers," with "What Is This Moslem World" by Watson, price 60 cents. "Mecca and Beyond" by Dr. and Mrs. Dodd, price 50 cents, and other supplementary material on the Moslem World will be used. Books may be ordered from the publishing house, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. Our approved study list will not be out till later.

Mrs. J. Wilson Buckley, 823, 2nd Ave., Laurel, Miss., will have charge of Keller Lodge this summer. Her price will be $8.00 (four in a room) for the term of the school. The first meal served will be lunch on Monday—the last meal, lunch Saturday. Mrs. J. A. Bishop, Camp Ground, Biloxi, will have charge of cottages and apartments for light housekeeping.

Bishop Dobbs will speak every night at 8 p. m. See program in New Orleans Christian Advocate, May 27, page 9, or write Rev. I. H. Sells, Box 2355, West Jackson, for copies as soon as they are off the press.

A leader must be a growing person, thoughtful, earnest, willing to work and study—constantly adding to her ability to conduct study classes. May our conference school be of help to you! You will have rich experiences of study, worship, and recreation, and will go back to your work with new insight and zeal. Why not arrange for a group of women from your auxiliary to accept this wonderful opportunity for only one week's session—in the Mississippi Conference?

Have you finished your Bible Study and your spring Mission Study? Did you qualify for Council credit on your Mission Study? If so, did you send your application to me or do you need application blanks? Remember, each Mission Study class may receive two council credits per year.

I appreciate your co-operation at all times, and I am counting on you helping make this—my last year as Conference Superintendent—the very best year in Mission and Bible Study that we have had.

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NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

Rosedale Auxiliary has enjoyed the stimulation that contact with similar minded groups always gives. First there was the group of auxiliaries that make up Zone Four — Gunnison, Shelby, and Merigold. Next there was the visit with the Gunnison Auxiliary in the home of Mrs. Alice Blanchard, and last week a group of Clarksdale women demonstrated their method of presentation of the Study Book—"Out of Africa" for the Rosedale Auxiliary.

At the Zone meeting those who had not been privileged ot attend either District meeting or Zone Conference found in the "School of Instruction" type of program much helpful information given as it was by the Gunnison Auxiliary from Sessions Committee reports and supplemented and vitalized by Mrs. W. H. Ratliff of Sherrard, vice-president of the conference. The district secretary, Mrs. Ed. Raynor of Merigold concluded her message concerning the needs and plans of the district with a plea for reports to be sent in on time. Intimate messages from the African field came from Mrs. Wilkinson of Shelby who spoke of her sister who is at home broken in health for the time being and from Mrs. Ernest Moore who spoke from the contents of a letter from Mrs. W. B. Lewis. Mrs. Lobdell spoke on the Mexican situation as she saw it while visiting there last winter. At the close of this most interesting program the group was invited to Mrs. Lobdell's home where one was privileged to inspect the gardens and admire the loveliness and variety of the peonies while being entertained.

During the early winter months Gunnison came to a Rosedale Auxiliary meeting in Mrs. Whiteside's home at Waxhaw to participate in a concluding study of Child Labor. This quarter the Rosedale Auxiliary visited the Gunnison group for a World Outlook program which was interestingly given. From reviewing the Christian Church as it is today around the world four representatives of pioneer families of Bolivar County made live again the days when Concordia, now Gunnison Church was the center of religious life in the great strip of country extending from Memphis to Vicksburg.

The Clarksdale group who came down to demonstrate their method of study of "Out of Africa" consisted of Mrs. Hannis Stoddard, Mrs. Ed Moore, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Intricant. Mrs. Ed Moore and Mrs. Bennett gave chapters from "Out of Africa" each in her own individual way. Gleaming, glittering, amazing Africa lived before us as these gifted women spoke. Mrs. Intricant's music timed the moments for quiet and meditation. Mrs. Stoddard, in the afternoon, reviewed "Congo Crosses." In this we were brought face to face with the life situations of African women. Posters, stereoptican views, chapter outlines, a scrap book, all contributed to the interest and information of the group. Beginning at ten - thirty and closing at two - thirty with an hour for lunch at the parsonage gave four hours of delightful fellowship and sharing. We recommend such services from large auxiliaries to smaller ones.

IMPORTANT STUDY OF BENEVOLENCES

By C. A. Bowen

No more significant material has appeared in the ADULT STUDENT than the elective course, "Methodism Building the Kingdom," by J. Q. Schisler, which is to appear in the July, August, and September issues of this publication. Dr. Schisler supplies important information concerning the causes supported by the contributions of our churches in this course. His material is simple, interesting and challenging. "Building the Kingdom" can be used in any church school or in any other study group within a local church. By using this course during summer months, the workers in our local churches can gain an adequate understanding and appreciation of the far-flung work of our Methodism. A significant opportunity presents itself in the appearance of this material to all those who desire to promote intelligent loyalty to the Church and basic Christian giving to the causes of the Church.

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In Memoriam

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY AND IN MEMORY OF OUR DEARLY BELOVED MRS. J. R. WHITTAKER

First we want to express our thoughts in her life and what she has meant to our City Mission Board. She was one of the organizers of the work, she was the second president and served in that capacity for twelve years. Many times it would seem as if the work could not go on, but never would Mrs. Whitaker give up. Her faith and trust in God never wavered. She was endowed with good business judgment and through her efforts many difficulties were overcome. The beauty of her character and her unfaltering devotion to duty lay in her faith in Him, who "went about doing good" and whose example she persistently imitated.

Since God in his infinite wisdom has taken unto himself our friend and fellow worker, whose gentle presence and Christian influence we shall surely miss.

Be it resolved, that we realize our great loss, but will ever cherish the memory of her zeal for the Lord's work, remembering while God calls the workmen home, the work must go on. We will strive to fill up the broken ranks and emulate her many virtues in pointing humanity to Him who said, "and if I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me."

Resolved that we would express our sympathy for her loved ones in this great bereavement, yet rejoice to know that their loss is her eternal gain, and that they mourn not as those without hope, and while she cannot return to them, they can join her in that "city not made with hands" and where parting is no more.

"She has finished her work
Shall you mourn your beloved one?
Or weep that her face you no longer
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Mrs. Gus Kendall,
Mrs. J. H. Rush,
Mrs. Joseph Libby,
Mrs. R. O. Dobson,
Mrs. J. H. Miner.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed by the Board of Christian Education and Board of Stewards of the Methodist church of Montgomery, La.:

Whereas, Miss Minnie Ethridge died at Shreveport, La., on March 1, 1937.

Be it resolved by the Board of Christian Education and Board of Stewards of the Methodist church of Montgomery, that upon the death of Miss Ethridge the church has lost a faithful steward, the Sunday School a loyal teacher, and the Missionary Society a tireless worker, who gave willingly of her time and energy to the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom.

Be it further resolved, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family, and the secretary of this board convey to her family our sincere appreciation of the devotion and faithful service rendered our church.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the board, that a copy be given the family and a copy be sent to the New Orleans Christian Advocate for publication.

MRS. EUNICE SHACKLEFORD,
Chairman;
MRS. J. L. NELMS,
J. W. PERRY.
Committee.

G. T. DARNELL

WHEREAS, there lived and served among us one who has now gone to his reward, Brother G. T. Darnell, and

WHEREAS, in every conduct of his life as a citizen, a business man, a member of this church and board, and as a parent and husband, he has presented a constant benediction to those who knew him, and,

WHEREAS, his kindliness and goodness have constituted a shining example to both young and old, an outstanding contribution of steadfast integrity to a day and age when such virtues sparkles as a valuable gem, and,

WHEREAS, in his passing we of this board lose a faithful co - worker, this church a staunch member, this community a citizen of character and his home a kindly and exemplary husband and father.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that insofar as simple words can express appreciation of the heart this board by these presents do affirm its deep sense of an abiding loss in the death of our fellow member, friend and brother of whom it might well be said he was the "Salt of the Earth."

Board of Stewards, First
Methodist Church,
W. A. McDonald,
J. C. Ross,
Dana King

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CENTENARY COLLEGE

By W. W. Holmes, D. D.

An important meeting in interest of Centenary College and our Louisiana Methodism was held in Shreveport on Thursday, May 20. Bishop H. M. Dobbs presided. Present were, Bishop John M. Moore, Dr. W. M. Alexander and Mr. Boyd M. McKeown from the General Board of Christian Education; members of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Board and members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College; members of the Public Relations Committee and representatives from the college faculty. The meeting lasted all day and into the night. The policy of absolute frankness prevailed. There was an attempt on the part of all present to view the whole situation fairly and squarely. The following items were discussed and conclusions reached.

1. The place of Centenary College in our church-wide Educational system.

The General Commission on College Policy at a recent meeting made a study of a number of institutions of the church which seemed to be most strategically located. Among these institutions was Centenary College. I quote from Dr. Alexander the result of this study: "The sense of the commission seemed to be that Centenary College is one of the strategically located institutions of our church, and for that reason merits the strongest possible support that can be given it by the various factors responsible for our college work." This conclusion of the general commission was given a hearty concurrence.

2. The Proposed Junior State College. The readers of the public press are acquainted with the agitation for the Junior College in Shreveport. Our group did not protest the establishing of a Junior College in Shreveport, but we did insist on a delay until all the facts were known and the whole situation studied. Shreveport has Dodd College and Centenary College. The State Treasury for school funds seems to be empty. Many of the state teachers have not been paid their salaries in full. Since Shreveport is already furnishing educational facilities for the youth, and to build a Junior College in Shreveport would increase materially the already heavy indebtedness of the State Board, as citizens of the state, it did not seem wise to us that a Junior College should be established until the whole question was thoroughly studied. A decision rendered by the Attorney General of Louisiana has certainly delayed the establishing of the Junior College in Shreveport, and may be, has indefinitely postponed it. This postponement will be made more effective if the present existing institutions in Shreveport bring themselves in line by larger equipment and endowment for the educational task that confronts them.

3. The Public Relations Committee. At the meeting of the last Annual Conference at Minden, La., the conference authorized the forming of a Public Relations Committee, whose duty would be to contact men of large means for large gifts for Centenary College. Dr. George S. Sexton was appointed by the conference to this work. His report revealed the fact that he succeeded in securing upward of $135,000.00 for a physical educational building from Mr. Archie Haynes, and the building has already been erected and would do credit to any college campus. His report revealed also the fact that he had set up a plan for reaching some three or five hundred men in the city of Shreveport for the purpose of raising $550,000.00 to pay the College out of debt and increase the endowment. This plan does not contemplate organizing the churches of Shreveport in a campaign but is set up in accord with conference instruction — "to contact men of large means for large gifts." In view of the Junior College agitation and the requirements of the Associations of Colleges our group felt that the work inaugurated by the Committee on Public Recreations was very timely and deserved commendation and every cooperation that could be given.

4. The Conference Bond Issue The entire group, without a dissenting note, voiced the opinion that the bond issue, the college indebtedness and the necessary equipment and endowment were all wrapped up in the future of the college, and that none of these items could be ignored. Every item was recognized by every division of the group as an obligation that belonged to all. We feel that progress is being made looking to a satisfactory adjustment of the Bond Issue. Since the whole situation is shaping in this direction, and time will be to our advantage; and since all of our churches have been called on in the Bishops' Crusade we deem it unadvisable to advocate any other conference-wide campaign this year.

The conference will be glad to know that for several years the college has survived largely on student income and has paid all current expenses, including teachers' salaries and has retired much of the college indebtedness. Few colleges anywhere, if any, have made such a record. The college is now getting out of debt, not going into debt. The conference has taken up $14,000.00 of its bonds in addition to the interest paid. Every year we are giving more for promotional work in the cause of Christian education throughout the state. Our task is big enough, but at present we are making some progress.

Baton Rouge District—Third Round

St. Francisville, at S.t Francisville, June 6, a.m.; Q. C. following service.
Jackson, at Jackson, June 6, Q. C. following service.
Clinton, at Cedar Creek, June 13, a.m.; Q. C. 2 p.m.
Gonzales, at Faithful, June 20, a.m.; Q. C. 1:30 p.m.
Denham Springs, at Live Oak, June 20, p.m.; Q. C. following.
First Church, Baton Rouge, July 21, p.m.; Q. C. following.
Istrouma, at First Church, Baton Rouge, July 21, p.m.; Q. C. following.
Zachary, at First Church, Baton Rouge, July 21, p.m. Q. C. following.
Baker, at First Church, Baton Rouge, July 21, p.m.; Q. C. following.
Plaquemine, at First Church, Baton Rouge, July 21, p.m.; Q. C. following.
Pine Grove, at Killians, July 18, a.m.; Q. C. 2 p.m.
Kentwood, at Kentwood, July 25, p.m.; Q. C. following.
Walker, at Friendship, July 25, a.m.; Q. C. 2 p.m.
Springfield, at James Chapel, Aug. 1, a.m.; Q. C. 2 p.m.
Lottie, at Port Barree, Aug. 8, a.m.; Q. C. 2 p.m.
Hammond, at Hammond, Aug. 11, p.m.; Q. C. following.
Ponchatoula, at Hammond, Aug. 11, p.m.; Q. C. following.
Amite, at Hammond, Aug. 11, p.m.; Q. C. following.
Angie, at Angie, Aug. 15, a.m.; Q. C. 2 p.m.
Franklinton, at Franklinton, Aug. 11, p.m.; Q. C. following service.
Natalbany, at Tangipahoa, Aug. 22, a.m.; Q. C. 2 p.m.
Greensburg, at Wesley, Aug. 29, a.m.; Q. C. 2 p.m.

J. HENRY BOWDON, P. E.

In Manchuria, the return from cash-invested in farms is very great. In many places, if the bandits do not make a raid, the crops will pay for the land in one year. That is in the dangerous places, where land is cheap. In perfectly safe places the crops will pay for the land in three years. The bandit menace has by no means been removed in Manchuria. In many instances, the bandits are in such great numbers that they overpower the troops sent out against them. They are a great danger to people either working or traveling in the country.

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AMOUNT REPORTED IN PLEDGES AND CASH BY CONFERENCES ON THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE, JUNE 5, 1937

Conference	
Baltimore	$ 19,782
Virginia	48,581
Western Virginia	4,965
Little Rock	7,109
Missouri	4,465
North Arkansas	6,604
St. Louis	4,238
Southwest Missouri	3,470
Illinois	653
Kentucky	8,542
Louisville	5,424
Memphis	9,967
Tennessee	13,667
Holston	8,444
North Georgia	18,223
South Georgia	10,975
Arizona	765
Northwest	429
Pacific	5,390
Alabama	9,002
Florida	11,175
North Alabama	15,449
Louisiana	13,610
Mississippi	9,056
North Mississippi	9,094
Central Texas	10,635

Conference	
New Mexico	2,379
Northwest Texas	10,123
West Texas	12,707
North Carolina	13,704
Western North Carolina	22,330
South Carolina	13,755
Upper South Carolina	13,551
North Texas	11,399
Oklahoma	11,045
Texas	20,335
Texas Mexican	443
Western Mexican	246
	$391,729

Mission Fields	
The Orient	$ 10,000
Czechoslovakia	103
Belgium	560
Cuba	16
Mexico	85
Brazil	460
Africa	369
	$ 11,593
Total	$403,322

On the above amount of $403,322 reported, we have received in cash, to date, $358,389, leaving a balance of $44,933 due. Until this balance is paid, we are unable to pay the debt.

THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE.

Wallet of the Week

AT MAS SOUBEYRAN in the south of France is a museum dedicated to the Huguenot martyrs and prisoners of "The Church of the Desert," in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Ten thousand French Protestants took part recently in the dedication of the Hall of the Prisoners, in which there are panels bearing the names of five thousand who were condemned to the galleys, to prison, and to other savage methods of persecution between 1684 and 1774.

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THE TOWER OF BABEL, which was built thousands of years ago, is supposed to have been located in Mesopotamia and within the bounds of Irak. The Government is to reconstruct the tower as a part of its exhibit at the international exhibition to be held in Paris this year. Another contribution will be a reproduction of the famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon which have long ranked as one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. One can imagine that these exhibits will be a center of interest for the peoples of all lands.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY, England, is reported to be seeking half a million dollars for Biblical research, for the reason that the religion and the civilization of the English-speaking world is founded upon Scripture. University authorities believe that such a sum can be profitably invested in an effort to discover new light upon the Scriptures. Many archaeological finds of recent years have been of great importance. Just recently a little red bowl with white script upon it was found at Lachish, and its age indicates that Hebrew was written in the time of Moses, contrary to accepted opinion among the critics.

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THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, GRAND JURY is quoted as reporting that, "In every one of the distressing cases of death caused by a motor vehicle which came to our attention, liquor was an important element, if not the chief factor, leading to the accident. . . . The jury is strongly of the opinion that a lethargic public opinion with respect to criminal potentialities in the mixture of gasoline, alcohol, and emotional excitement, is largely responsible for the tragic situation today. . . . The jury finds that liquor is an important factor in many cases of arson, burglary, sex offenses, stabbing, robbery, assault and other crimes." Such is reported to have been the words of the jury to the citizenship which includes Cleveland, Ohio.

A NEW BIBLE DICTIONARY is in process of publication, according to announcement recently made. It is new only in the sense that it is now being published for the first time. It is said to have been written by David ben Abraham al-Fasi, a Jewish scholar, over a thousand years ago. It was forgotten for eight hundred years and has at last been rescued from the silence of that long era. It is said to be of special importance because it clears up some of the disputed passages of the Old Testament. Neither the language nor the publisher is given in the account.

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RECENT RIOTING IN POLAND, manifestly directed against the Jews, resulted in the destruction or damaging of twelve hundred stores and homes of Jewish citizens, according to the New York Times. Private estimates place the property damage at approximately four million zlotys. The violence began with the slogan: "Don't kill and don't rob, but destroy everything." It ended, as such uprisings usually do, with promiscuous looting. The charge account ledgers of Jewish merchants were seized and destroyed, thereby destroying the evidence of debt to them.

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MR. STANLEY BALDWIN, from whose career the theatrical and the dramatic were strangely absent, retired from the British Premiership as calmly as if it had been merely another incident in his life. His chief word of explanation for the momentous decision was, "I have had my day."In public life he was tolerant, even-tempered and constructive. He was remarkably free from the blemishes which go with inordinate ambition. In his policies, he was often disconcerting to both friend and foe, but his hatred of war was consistent and his will to preserve peace was determined.

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CONSTANTINE THE GREAT died in his palace at Nicomedia, May 22, sixteen hundred years ago. He was the first Christian Emperor. He promulgated the Edict of Milan which gave recognition to Christianity and established universal religious tolerance—denied to the State the right to influence the choice of a religion. He reunited the Roman Empire under one head, and with Constantinople as its Christian capital. He convened the Council of Nicea and effected a reconciliation of Church and State—the most fateful step of his long and epoch-making reign.

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EDITORIAL

TALK AND WORK

A brilliant British writer tells the story of an incident which occurred on an English highway some years ago. The writer and his friend, an author, sat for two hours on the roadside and debated with great earnestness various public questions. During that time a mechanic mended the wheel of their automobile, a laborer repaired the highway ahead, and a farmer plowed his field across the hedge. It was a contrast of the practical importance of speculative talk with drab, unvocal and unromantic work. But it involved more than the contrasts of a chance stage-setting by the roadside. In a more real sense, it is a parable of values. Talk has its place, but it has also its limitations. It is a vehicle of thought, but never of itself can it change physical or economic conditions. Its conclusions must be translated into reality through work. The walking delegate may talk ever so glibly about the ills of society, but until he sets his hand to the problem of relief in a practical way nothing will happen. No program for social amelioration is ever set in motion by mere talk, and no reeking ulcer is ever healed by any learned philosophy of its origin. The same rule prevails in solving the moral and spiritual conditions with which the Christian church has to deal. No confident boasting about the open Bible, religious liberty, the distinctive doctrines of Methodism, or a world-wide church have anything like the practical importance of the humblest soul truly united to its Lord. High-sounding talk is always impressive, but it has no such reach for permanence as personal piety and individual devotion to the plain virtues and practices of the Gospel. Work repaired the automobile, work smoothed the highway, work produced a harvest of grain, and work will bring in the day of the Lord. Says Jesus: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Spiritual progress waits more upon the man who can mend its broken wheel than upon him who can diagnose its ills.

THE LAYMAN AND CHURCHGOING

A chief difficulty in analyzing or changing the attitude of the layman toward the church is that of removing the impression that the church is an unapproachable "holy of holies," or what is equally damaging, the idea that the Church may be reduced to the level of a social or a business enterprise without taking away its supreme message and appeal for mankind. Many, many years ago we heard a sermon by Dr. Dawson, a Baptist preacher of Tuscaloosa, Ala., on the words, "Mary the mother of Jesus." His introductory sentence was: "I want us to avoid extremes this morning." He then said that we cannot appraise the character of Mary if, with the Catholic, we ascribe divinity to her, nor if, with the extreme Protestant view, we deny to her the exalted motherhood to which she is entitled as the human mother of our Lord. So I think we may not value the loyalties of laymen by extremes. A too ideal conception of the church ends in a speculative religion, and a too secular standard results in a formal and a mechanical religion. Many people today want to introduce Jesus into the upper brackets of society, a desire to which we offer no objection, if only it be remembered that Jesus took life as he found it—peasant, farmer, shepherd, fisherman, tax-gatherer, money-changer, ruler, courtesan, paralytic, leper, sorrowing, toiling, and rejoicing. We entertain no hope for holding the layman to a church relation anchored in mist, neither do we think that he will be inclined to choose church to Sunday golf if the program is too much akin to the social and commercial atmosphere of his daily life. At church, he is an unreconstructed Greek who still insists upon seeing Jesus—the Jesus of healing, the Jesus of righteousness, the Jesus of comfort, the Jesus of salvation, and the Jesus of the more abundant life. The personality of the preacher is not a thing to be despised, but it should always be the plus of a bracing, searching, and uplifting message which shall leave the layman with a passionate glow to be like Jesus. We once knew an old man, not renowned for a narrow piety, who when he had heard the pastor's Christmas message returned for the evening service saying, "I could not stay away after that message this morning." The layman does not go to church to be coddled or cajoled, he goes that his soul may be fed. So Jesus said to his under-shepherd, "Feed my sheep."

THE ADVOCATE CAMPAIGN

Because of the pressure for the publication of material now on our desk, we had hoped that we might not find it necessary to publish charge standings before the conclusion of the Advocate campaign. But when this issue reaches our readers, less than thirty days of the period of special effort will remain. We feel, therefore, that we should let the facts be known that no one may be taken unawares when the final day of the campaign is at hand. Up to the time that this issue of the paper goes to press, we have received a total of fourteen hundred and thirty-two subscriptions for credit to the special effort. This was to be expected, and we are neither discouraged nor complaining, but the matter is too serious for the facts to be witheld. The present total is approximately one-third of last year's campaign total, and it is a far cry from the minimum goal of seventy-six hundred which we set for the campaign. At the present moment, only one district in our territory is in a scoring position and four other districts have gone beyond the one hundred mark. Next week we will publish the totals for every district and charge, except those from which no subscriptions have been received thus far. Look for the record of your charge and let's use the next thirty days for making the Advocate campaign a great success. The greatest issue of a hundred years is now up for discussion. It is our purpose to give the discussion on both sides fairly and impartially. Take the Advocate for your own sake, and see to it that the full quota for your charge and district is in hand at the earliest possible moment. Anything the office can do to assist you will be done gladly. We are counting upon you.

A CHANGE OF PLAN

The material on Unification which we had expected to publish this week was recalled in order that some revision might be made and it was not returned in time for this paper. We are, therefore, inserting other material which he have in hand. A reply to the article by Bishop Denny and his son will appear next week. If possible, we will publish two replies to Bishop Denny, both articles now in hand.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

BAD BIRDS AND THEIR BABIES

The shrike, commonly known as the butcher bird, sometimes also called the French mocking bird, bears a rather unsavory reputation. It feeds on insects, mice, lizards, and, sometimes, smaller birds. It gets its bad name from its habit of sticking its prey on thorns and barbed wire fences, to be eaten later when it has been properly "cured." Its bad name reflects the cruelty of its method of preserving its food. (If it had slaughter pens and cold storage plants, it probably would be considered a most sagacious bird.)

A pair of shrikes nested this spring in a crepe myrtle tree in our front yard. A few days ago the young birds were old enough to begin to fly. We were fortunate enough to see the first efforts of one of them. The young fellow worked his way to the top of the crepe myrtle, and then set sail for a big cottonwood tree some twenty or thirty yards away. He either miscalculated the distance or his strength gave out, for he missed the lowest branches and landed on the ground. (It was a surprised and disappointed young bird!)

We had not seen the parent birds anywhere around; but the second the baby hit the ground, they appeared from a large gum tree on the other side of the yard and flew to its aid. We don't speak the shrike language, but we imagine their chatter was telling the little fellow that he had made a fine effort, not to be discouraged, and that in spite of his fall he would make a fine flyer yet. Anyhow, after a little bit he hopped over to the iron fence, got on the bottom brace, and by repeated efforts finally reached the top. In the meantime, the old birds stayed near, flying from the fence to a small tree near, and then back to the fence. At last the baby summoned all his courage, spread his wings, and lit out for the small tree, the parent birds flying by his side. They did not touch him, or bear him up on their wings, but they stayed close to him. He made it all right.

Now, no matter what anybody says about the shrike, we have a good word for him—he has a tender spot in his heart at least for his children.

As a matter of fact, we have never seen a man so bad but that there was at least a little good about him.

> "There's so much bad in the best of us,
> And so much good in the worst of us,
> That it ill becomes any of us
> To say anything bad about the rest of us."

AGAINST UNIFICATION

Hatton Lovejoy, LaGrange, Ga.

The proposed union of the Northern and Southern Methodist Episcopal Churches, should be considered as thoughtfully and dispassionately as possible. Division and ill-will can easily be aroused, which years will be required to heal. The following are some of the phases which might well be considered:

I.

Three reasons for this union are usually given: The prevention of confusion between the different denominations in the foreign field; overlapping efforts on the borders of the present churches; and reduction of overhead.

Confusion in foreign fields did not arise from conflicting Methodisms; but from the various Protestant denominations. Union of American Methodism will hardly touch the problem.

If there is a sincere desire to improve the foreign situation, all that is necessary is to combine all denominations in the foreign field into one. With one church, there can be no confusion and conflict.

The union of Methodism in America will not materially change the situation in sections where both churches now have organizations. Those in the South who now belong to the Northern Church, do not do so because of lack of opportunity to join congregations of the Southern Church, but because of a definite desire to belong to a different church. There is no reason to believe that the members of the Northern Church located in the South, will hereafter desire to go into and unite with the congregations now of the Southern Church, when there has been no such desire heretofore, and the practice has been directly to the contrary.

Nobody knows whether there will be any economies resulting from such a union. As a matter of fact, just the opposite has often resulted from such combinations in the business world. Frequently, the total of the overhead expenses has been found to have grown larger, instead of smaller.

The reasons given for the proposed union are of doubtful validity, to say the least. On the other side, is the fact that the proposed union is of no value whatsoever to at least ninety per-cent of the members of the Southern Methodist Church.

II.

Is there not in the Northern Church, a much wider acceptance of what is termed religious liberalism and modernism? Is this something that is to be desired? In the South our ministers and people largely believe still in God, Christ and the Bible, and we think we do so intelligently. Modernists have discarded belief in so much of the things in which we believe, that they now have nothing of any substance left in which to believe. This statement is made upon the authority of the words of Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, who says, at page 36 in his book of sermons entitled "The Secret of Victorious Living":

"Again, some of us, especially we who are religious liberals, make our Christianity costless by watering down and thinning out our faith. We have tried to formulate our Christian ideas in easily credible forms, and, so doing, we have attenuated them so that hardly anything is left to believe at all. This is the outstanding peril of modernism; let a modernist be the one to say so!"

And, again,

"We had to rid ourselves of incredible theologies which insulted our intelligence and made consent to Christianity either insincere or impossible.

Now, however, that we have done that, see where many have come out. They have ideas of God, the soul and immortality, so vague, indefinite and simple to believe that it makes little difference whether they believe them or not."

Again in the Northern Church are found those who have a quite different idea toward our government, than is generally held in the South. As an illustration, "The Red Network" by Elizabeth Dilling, purports to give a Who's Who of Reds in America. Among the organizations listed, is the National Religion and Labor Foundation. Bishop Frances J. McConnell of the Northern Church, is listed an honorary president, and Rev. E. F. Tittle, as one of the book editors.

Among the books listed for distribution are: "The Little Lenin Library", "Toward Soviet America," by William Z. Foster and "The Necessity of Communism", by Middleton Murray. The name of the Rev. E. F. Tittle is an important one in the Northern Church.

There is an organization more or less connected with the Northern Methodist Church, called The Methodist Federation for Social Service. It is stated that "This organization is said not to be an official organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but it was provided for by the General Conference of 1908 as an appropriate agency of the Church. Bishop McConnell has said it was twice endorsed by the General Conference of 1932." This federation has two organs, The Social Questions Bulletin and The Crisis Leaflets. The former of these has for its slogan, "For the Creation of the Classless Society and the Abolition of the Profit Motive." This organization is active in its distribution of literature in line with this motto, and the activities of this organization have been so repulsive to at least some of the members of the Northern Church, that a meeting of prominent laymen from that church was held, to protest against the organization and particularly against its use of the word "Methodist". Advocacy of principles in line with this motto of this federation, in more than one conference of the Northern Church, would astonish most members of Methodism in the South.

III.

The proposed plan of union contains the following in Section I, Article IV, pertaining to the General Conferfence:

"The General Conference shall have * * * authority as follows: 1. To define and fix the conditions, privileges and duties of church membership."

Representation from the Southern Church will be in the minority in the General Conference. In the plan, there is no limitation upon this authority of the General Conference to define the condition of church membership.

Again, in the same article of the plan, is the following authority given to the General Conference:

3. "To define and fix the powers and duties of Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions, and of District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences."

In sub-paragraph 2 of the same article, the same conference is given authority to define and fix the qualifications and duties of all ministers.

With the above authority given to the General Conference, power is vested in that Conference to define and to change conditions and qualifications of both members and ministers in the church, without limitation or restraint. The power over the annual and other conferences, is such that authority is centralized in this General Conference. Instead of power being vested in the members of the church and by them given as desired, to their representatives, all power is concentrated in the head or General Conference, with the subordinate conference and members to receive such rights and privileges as the General Conference may give to them. To repeat, unlimited control over the membership and ministers of the church, and the annual and local conferences, their organization and functions, is vested in a General Conference in which the Southern Church has a minority representation.

One of the most serious objections to the plan as proposed, is that no protection is afforded those who do not wish to go into this union of the churches. Ninety-nine per cent of the membership of a church may have paid every dollar for the church building, parsonage and all other improvements, and yet the one per cent who paid nothing, can take all the church property into a new church, against the unanimous objection of all of those who paid for the property. If this plan is legal, then the local charges, district and annual conferences who may not desire to go into the union, and all of the properties for which they themselves paid, are at the mercy of the majority. Before this plan is submitted for adoption, its provisions should be changed in reference to the features above mentioned.

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. W. W. Perry, pastor at Elizabeth, sends a list of twenty-five subscriptions on a quota of eight. We do not know who holds the record for quotas exceeded, but this is certainly a record of which one might be justly proud.

Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, Rev. Charles M. Crowe pastor, sends a list of forty-four subscriptions which completes the Advocate quota of 66 for that church and brings Shreveport District to three hundred and forty-four.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Advocate representative for Wynn Memorial Church, Shreveport, sends a list of eight subscriptions which is two more than the quota for her church. Rev. E. B. Chaney is the pastor. We thank Mrs. Tidwell, the pastor, and the members of Wynn Memorial Church for their loyal support.

Rev. T. F. King adds to a business note the statement that he believes that the Advocate quota will be secured and that everything is going well at Bunkie.

Rev. D. W. Poole, Mangham, sends a good list of subscribers for the Advocate, and reports that everything is going nicely in his charge. He expects to continue his Advocate campaign to completion.

Mr. Chalmers reports that he has received two subscriptions from Castor, for which he is unable to give credit on any quota because he does not know what charge to credit.

Rev. E. W. Day sends a list of subscribers from Rochelle and states that he has more to follow—a renewal of the report of last week that he had more than secured his quota.

Rev. J. M. Boykin, Waterproof, has brought his Advocate list up to seven and he continues his work in season and out of season. He even secured a subscription at the district conference.

Mrs. J. A. McCormick sends us a good list of subscriptions from Mer Rouge which we appreciate as we do Mer Rouge—one of the most beautiful little towns that we have ever known.

Rev. R. V. Fulton, of Springfield charge, was assisted in a meeting at Springfield by Rev. R. A. Bozeman of Greensburg. Mrs. Bozeman was the pianist for the meeting.

Dr. W. L. Doss, Jr., has our thanks for a good list of renewals from Lake Charles. The list contains new subscription replacements for those who fail to renew.

Rev. Lastie N. Hoffpauir, pastor at Rayville, is pressing his Advocate campaign with his characteristic thoroughness and loyalty. We acknowledge gratefully the good list just received.

Rev. W. S. Scott, First Church, Monroe, sends us one of the top lists of subscribers for the week—twenty-six. Nine of the list were renewals and seventeen are new subscribers. That kind of a list gives the Advocate a real boost.

At Alço Rev. L. R. Nease closed a very successful revival in which he was assisted by Brother Van Carter. He commends very highly the work of "Uncle Van." Brother Nease's charge now consists of Alco, Hornbeck, Holly Grove, and Prospect churches.

Rev. Ellis Smith, who is enjoying a great pastorate at Abbeville, is looking out for the Advocate cause, as he has done through the years. We doubt if any man has had a more successful pastorate at Abbeville than has Brother Smith.

Griffin church, on the Lockport charge, was dedicated by Bishop Dobbs on last Friday evening. This church is in the heart of the French Mission field and is also in one of the most populous rural sections of America. Rev. W. C. Mason is the pastor, and Rev. E. C. Gunn the presiding elder.

Shreveport District, Dr. A. M. Serex, presiding elder, is well out in front in the Advocate campaign. Up to Saturday morning, the District was credited with three hundred and fifty-nine subscriptions. We make grateful acknowledgment of the fine work which has been done by that splendid District.

Dr. Hugh H. Harris, of Candler School of Theology, conducted a Bible Conference on the Christian Home at Columbia recently. A revival, a daily vacation church school, and a training school for Christian workers are in prospect. The church plans also to complete an addition to the church building before the meeting of the Annual Conference.

Rev. J. W. Booth, now in his first year at Franklinton, is giving evidence of the painstaking thoroughness with which he always does his work in the manner of looking after the interests of the Advocate both in building interest and in keeping the office in touch with the problems as he finds them.

The 1937 Silver Loving Cup, offered by the Methodist Ministerial Association in the annual Drama Contest conducted by the New Orleans Young People's Union, was won by the Algiers church. In the Tithing Essay Contest held June 8, the $5 prize awarded by Rev. E. C. Gunn, presiding elder, was won by Miss Ella K. Hetherington of Rayne Memorial church.

Camp Neomyc, a group of Epworth Leaguers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, spent four days at Mt. Sequoyah recently. They were from northeastern Oklahoma and traveled a distance of two hundred miles. The announcement, that plans were maturing for returning a year hence, was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Godat, long residents of New Orleans and members of the Methodist Church, celebrated their golden anniversary on Monday, June 7. Mr. and Mrs. Godat are now living in New York and are members of First M. E. Church, Astoria, Long Ieland, and Mr. Godat is with the Liverpool, London, and Globe Insurance Co. The anniversary celebration was in New Orleans where they are now on a visit with friends.

Dr. Dana Dawson, First Church, Shreveport, had the joy of leading to victory in a debt-paying campaign, and he will sail for England on June 19, with no lingering anxiety on that score. The debt amounted to twenty-one thousand dollars and was of long standing—an obligation incurred in the purchase of a lot for an educational building. We congratulate Dr. Dawson and the congregation of First Church upon this splendid achievement.

First Church, New Orleans, was dedicated last Sunday by Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs following the complete liquidation of a debt which dates back a quarter of a century or more. We rejoice with Dr. Wallace and his people on this splendid achievement. We think the congregation is now without debt for any purpose—the first time that such has been the case in the history of the church in its present location. Former pastors and presiding elders were invited to be present, and Dr. R. H. Harper, of Alexandria, preached at the evening service.

On the third Sunday in July, (July 18) the Live Oak Methodist Church on the Denham Springs Charge will celebrate its annual Home-Coming Day. All former bishops, presiding elders, pastors, members and friends of the church are invited to be present. Dinner will be served on the ground. and there will be plenty for everyone. During recent years the home-coming at Live Oak church has become an event of major importance in this section and arrangements are being made to care for a large crowd. Mr. Walter Underwood is the general chairman in charge of arrangements, and to those who know him this is sufficient announcement to indicate that great things will take place. "On the same date we will commence our annual revival meeting, and indications are that we will have the greatest meeting in the history of old Live Oak Church," writes Rev. R. L. Clayton, pastor.

The new church at Metairie, New Orleans, is making substantial progress under the leadership of Rev. Jolly Harper. Four new members have been received, two babies baptized, pastor and presiding elder paid to June 1, fifty dollars paid to benevolences (in full), five dollars paid to City Missions and Church Extension, five dollars to Memorial Mercy Home, fifteen dollars to Orphanage, twelve dollars and fifty cents on Fourth Sunday Missions and all incidentals in full. A lot for the new church has been purchased at a cost of $1,500, $525 paid on it to date. The church school membership is twice that of the church.

From Brother W. H. Waggoner we have received a list of fifteen and one-half subscriptions for credit of Columbia charge. Brother Waggoner reports that Columbia was the only charge in the Monroe District that was placed on all ten of the Honor Roll set-up at the recent District Conference. The list includes all finances to date, fifty per cent District work paid, seventy per cent of the Conference Benevolences for the year, two hundred dollars for the Orphanage, seventy dollars for the Bishops' Crusade, thirty-five dollars for Mercy Memorial Home, and participation in the entire program of the church. Brother Morris is in great favor with his people.

The first Sunday in July, or as near thereto as possible, has been designated as Anti-Saloon League Field Day. An appeal for the observance of this day has been signed by Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, Dr. M. E. Dodd, Dr. Glen L. Sneed, Rev. C. E. Bordelon, Miss Estes A. Dupree, and Dr. Leon W. Sloan. Nine parishes have already voted dry and plans are forming to bring the issue to a vote in other parishes also. Mr. Launcie Rachal, a Presbyterian layman, is engaged in organizing "Olympia Clubs" among the young people. These clubs are organized for temperance study, liquor traffic control, and in the interest of good citizenship. Speakers, collection envelopes and other assistance can be secured through Rev. Leon W. Sloan, Supt., 1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans.

MRS. ELIZABETH SCHREINER CROWE PASSES

Mrs. Elizabeth Schreiner Crowe, mother of Rev. Charles M. Crowe, pastor of the Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, died of an acute heart attack Monday night, June 7. Funeral srevices were held in the Noel Memorial Church at 10 o'clock Thusrday morning, Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs in charge of the service, assisted by Dr. A. M. Serex, presiding elder of the Shreveport district, and Dr. S. H. C. Burgin, presiding elder of the Dallas district, a former pastor and beloved friend of the deceased. Following the service in Shreveport the body was taken to Dallas, Texas, for interment in Restland Memorial Park.

Beside the Rev. Charles M. Crowe, with whom she made her home, Mrs. Crowe is survived by another son, Rev. John H. Crowe, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Charleston, W. Va., who was present for the funeral service; two brothers, Dr. John S. Schreiner, of Joplin, Mo., and Mr. George F. Schreiner, of Columbus, Kansas; one grandson, Charles M. Crowe, Jr., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Crowe was a devout Christian, and a long time member of the Methodist Church.

KATHERINE YELDELL, Sec'ty.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Baton Rouge District Conference met in our church at Zachary on May 27 and 28, with the capable and efficient presiding elder, Rev. J .Henry Bowdon, presiding. Entertainment for the conference was provided by the Methodist churches of Zachary and Slaughter, and they did the job well.

Dean R. E. Smith of Centenary College brought a series of five Bible lectures which were of the usually high order of this great scholar of the church.

Rev. W. L. Duren, representing the New Orleans **Christian Advocate,** Rev. R. W. Vaughan, representing the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage, Rev. J. G. Snelling representing the Memorial Mercy Home, Rev. G. W. Dameron representing the Board of Christian Education, Rev. Martin Hebert representing the Board of Church Extension, Rev. S. A. Seegers, representing the Golden Cross Society, and Mr. C. O. Holland representing the Board of Lay Activities each brought inspiring messages to the conference regarding various interests which they discussed.

One of the high-lights of the conference was when Brother Bowdon called Mr. W. S. Holmes to the altar and handed him the mortgage on the District Parsonage and requested him to burn it. During the last conference year and to date during this conference year the churches of the Baton Rouge District have raised nearly two thousand dollars for the purpose of retiring this debt and in addition have raised very creditable amounts the present year on other benevolent claims of the church and for the Bishop's Crusade fund. On the whole the reports of the pastors in the district indicated that an excellent condition prevails both financially and spiritually.

Two young men were licensed to preach, Rev. Clayton Bennet of Amite, and Rev. Ralph Cain of Denham Springs.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: Dr. Irby C. Nichols, A. O. French, J. H. Rhodes, W. S. Holmes, T. H. Henderson, Mrs. Sidney Fairchild, Mrs. William Schule, W. O. Burris, Mrs. J. A. Alford, H. May, Mrs. J. P. Bonnecarrere, Mrs. R. S. Walton, and Mrs. E. W. Chaney.

Rev. J. B. Love discussed the work of the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana State University and in the absence of the District Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. E. W. Chaney brought an interesting message regarding this phase of the work of the church.

During the conference devotional services were conducted by Revs. Carl Lueg, G. H. Corry, J. B. Love, A. A. McKnight, and H. B. Hines.

Bro. David Tarver and his people extended themselves to show their guests and visitors every courtesy, and as a result everyone came away saying that it was the best district conference they had ever attended.

R. L. Clayton, Secretary.

THE MONROE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Monroe District Conference met in annual session at the First Methodist Church, Tallulah, on June 2, 1937, with Rev. H. L. Johns, presiding elder, in the chair. Rev. C. K. Smith was the pastor-host.

Twenty-one pastors, one superannuated preacher, two local preachers, seven district officers, and one hundred delegates were present for the conference. And. in addition there were a goodly number of visitors in attendance.

The connectional causes were well represented in the persons of: Dr. R. W. Vaughan, The Methodist Orphanage; Dr. W. L. Duren, **The New Orleans Advocate;** Dr. J. G. Snelling, Memorial Mercy Home; Rev. G. W. Dameron, Christian Education; Hon. C. O. Holland, Lay Activities; Rev. S. A. Seegers, Golden Cross; and, Rev. V. D. Morris, Adult Work.

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. Della M. Field, of Electric Mills, sends a list of subscriptions which completes the quota for that church, and we post the fact at the head of the column. Rev. E. D. Simpson is the pastor, and Mrs. Della M. Field is chairman of the Christian Literature Committee.

The business manager has received two eight-month subscriptions from Brownfield, but does not know the charge to which the church belongs.

Mrs. Alder Hays, Dixon, says that the visits of the Advocate mean such to her, that its failure to come would be like missing the visit of a dear old friend.

Rev. F. L. Applewhite is making progress in his Advocate campaign as is evidenced by a list which reached the office a few days ago. He is pastor at Edwards.

Rev. Hilary S. Westbrook reports that he has secured good help for the revival services in every church on the Homewood charge, and he is hoping for effective services in all his churches.

Rev. Murray Cox, pastor of DeKalk, sends a good list of subscriptions from his charge—new and renewal. This latest list brings his charge to eighteen, or within three of his complete quota.

Rev. W. M. Sullivan, Forest, says that the Advocate has been coming to his home since 1883, and he desires it to come on. We may add that the paper never had a stauncher pastor-friend than he.

Mrs. N. E. Cunningham, Advocate representative for Gibson Memorial Church, Vicksburg, sends a list of four subscriptions and adds the assurance of another list to follow soon. Rev. J. V. Bennett is the pastor.

Rev. W. C. M. Baggett sends a list of subscriptions to the Advocate, and reports that he is having a happy year at Philadelphia circuit. He has his circuit thoroughly organized for the Advocate campaign.

Our good friend, Brother W .D. Hawkins of Meridian, keeps us in his debt by his faithful help and gracious words of appreciation. He says that he is getting along nicely, but still feels the effects of his accident.

From Mrs. R. E. Bennett of Meadville. we have received a good list of subscriptions and also the assurance that more subscriptions are in the offing. Mrs. Bennett, who has been the Advocate representative for some time, always makes a good campaigner. Rev. A. S. Oliver is the pastor.

Rev. S. Fenwick Reed, the "English Evangelist," who has just closed a gracious revival with Rev. H. Mellard at Kreole, was an appreciated caller at the Advocate office on Monday. He is making headquarters at Gulfport, Miss., and would be glad to do evangelistic work in this section during the summer.

Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs preached at Capitol Street church on the night of June 6, according to announcement carried in the Jackson Daily News. The Daily Vacation Church School opened the following morning, with Mrs. J. C. Chambers as general chairman of committees. Rev. B. M. Hunt is the pastor of the church.

Report reaches us that Dr. C. W. Crisler and his people at Hazlehurst have brought to a successful conclusion the campaign for the liquidation of the debt on the beautiful property at that place. They now have a property which they may call their own and of which they may be justly proud, for it is truly a beautiful little plant—church and parsonage.

Rev. J. F. Campbell, leader of the Advocate campaign in the Hattiesburg District, sends a good list of subscriptions for the credit of his church, First Church, Laurel. When we saw the list of standings on Saturday there was a difference of one and one-half subscriptions between Hattiesburg and Meridian Districts, and those two districts were well in the lead of the Conference.

Rev. D. T. Ridgeway had the assistance of Rev. B. M. Hunt, of Capitol Street, Jackson, at Wiggins church recently. Brother Ridgeway says that business houses closed for the services, every service was well attended, and that Brother Hunt was wonderfully used for the quickening of the lives of his people. Fourteen were added to the church, six on profession of faith, and this brings the total additions for the year to forty-two.

TELEGRAM FROM BISHOP DOBBS

Board of Education, Mississippi Conference, extends time for Whitworth College Campaign until July 1.

This telegram is to urge that immediate and total attention be given by all to this important matter.

Prompt and united effort will determine much for the College and for the Mississippi Conference.

I invite the continued cooperation of the friends of Christian Education to the end that we may keep faith with the Mississippi Conference pledged at the session held at Jackson.

HOYT M. DOBBS.

WHITWORTH COLLEGE

Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss., has just received a fifteen hundred dollar grant to the Weems Library from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. This is the first time the Corporation has made appropriations to Junior Colleges. Ninety-one others in the United States have just received similar grants.

G. F. WINFIELD.

SEASHORE PASTORS' SCHOOL

Rev. Otto Porter, dean of the Seashore Pastors' School, sends us announcement of the program and arrangements for the Pastors' School, and asks that special mention be made of the fact that a rate of $2.50 per day for room and board has been made by the White House Hotel, for all who attend the School. The teachers of courses include Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of Duke University, Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Dr. W. M. Alexander, and Dr. H. M. Bullock. Registrations open Monday morning, June 21, with first class period beginning at 3 p.m. Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs will have charge of the platform hour. It is expected that there will be a good attendance and that those who take the courses will be greatly profited in meeting the problems which we must face from day to day.

REUNION AT RED HILL

Dear Dr. Duren: Following the recent very successful all-day Centennial Service at Red Hill church, on the Vancleave circuit, in Jackson County, Miss., there will be a reunion of former pastors, presiding elders, members and friends of the church on Wednesday afternoon, June 23, beginning at 3 o'clock and closing in time to allow all who desire to return to Biloxi in time for the evening platform address at the Pastors' School. Every one interested is cordially invited.

J. B. CAIN,
Chairman Program Committee.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FINANCES

Please announce a special meeting of The Mississippi Annual Conference Board of Finance to be held at the Pastor's School, Sea Shore Camp ground, Wednesday, June 23, 2 p. m.

C. A. Schultz, Chairman.

NEW AUGUSTA CHARGE

If I am correct in my count, this gives us our quota for the Charge. If it is possible for us to secure more subscriptions at a later date, it will give me pleasure to send them in.

Last month was a period of spiritual refreshing for the New Augusta Charge. Starting the first Sunday in May, we held our special series of services at

McLain. Dr. B. L. Sutherland, our pastor at Columbia, was with us through Friday night and delivered some searching gospel messages. Five were added to our church on profession of faith. The following Sunday we held our opening services at Leaf with Rev. T. O. Prewitt, pastor of Broad St., Hattiesburg, coming to us Monday and bringing the Gospel to us throughout the week. The service closed Sunday afternoon. Four were received into our church on renewal of vows. The fourth Sunday marked the opening of special services at Beaumont. Bro. A. E. Case, pastor of Fairview Charge, came to us on Monday and faithfully preached the gospel to us through the week. The services were closed on the fifth Sunday night.

Although we did not have as many born into the kingdom as we would have liked, we have every reason to believe that good seed have been sown and with faithful cultivation a good harvest is to be reaped. We are thankful to all of these men for their loyalty to Christ and his message as they presented it to our people. New Augusta Charge is making progress.

Sincerely,
Seth W. Granberry, P. C.

VOTING ON AN UNFINISHED AND UNSETTLED PLAN

By Bishop Warren A. Candler

It is proposed that the Annual Conference vote during 1937 in advance of the meeting of the General Conference in 1938. This proposal involves voting on an unfinished and unsettled Plan.

It is true that the Northern Annual Conferences have voted for its adoption with the exception of the Negro Conferences, all of whom have rejected it on the ground that it puts the Negro Conferences in a separate jurisdiction based on racial lines rather than geographical lines.

Several of the White Conferences of the Northern Church sympathize with this view taken by the Negro Conferences.

An injunction against the Plan of Unification has been brought by the Negro members of the Northern Conferences led by Rev. L. H. King, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church of New York, which is a Negro Church. In connection with the injunction Rev. L. H. King has somewhat to say. Among other things he says:

"For one hundred twenty-five years, my immediate forbears and I have held continuous membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church on the basis of non-discrimination in the church's legislation. It would do violence to my sense of justice and self-respect did I not vigorously protest having that membership delimited now by the same church at the behest of an exaggerated and virulent color and race prejudice in the name of 'church union'."

Commenting upon Dr. King's communication "Zions Herald" says:

"This action by Dr. King involves issues of the utmost importance for the Christian Church in America. The Methodist Episcopal Church is the second largest Protestant denomination in the country, and its pronouncements and attitude have much to do with influencing the religious and social policies of the nation. Because of this fact, its action on the problem of race adjustment is momentous."

"Zion's Herald" has opposed the placing of the Negro Annual Conferences in a separate jurisdiction.

Whatever may be the outcome of this issue raised by the Negro Annual Conferences in the Northern Church, it certainly confuses the matter of Unification.

In view of these facts and others of a kindred nature it seems unwise, if not illegal, for the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to vote on the matter prior to the General Conference of 1938. Such voting can accomplish nothing of practical value, but may further complicate the confusion already existing.

Why should there be haste to vote on a Plan which is confessedly unfinished and subject to change?

The papers of the Northern Methodist Church have almost without exception tried to comfort their Negro Annual Conferences by telling them that the Plan is subject to change and probably will be changed in the final outcome.

There is no occasion for haste in this matter; but there is need for calm consideration and deliberate action.

To ask that the Plan be adopted without discussion is a proposal scarcely less than preposterous. Our people should know what they are doing and the Plan should be fully discussed in advance of the General Conference of 1938.

The Annual Conferences this year elect delegates to the General Conference of 1938, and the views of these delegates should be well known in advance of the election taken in the Annual Conferences.

TRIMBLE SUCCEEDS PARKER AS EMORY THEOLOGY SCHOOL DEAN

Next September students in the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, will see walking into the dean's office Henry Burton Trimble, professor of homiletics and pastoral theology since 1931. The resignation this month of Dr. Franklin Nutting Parker, dean for the past eighteen years, led to the selection of Dr. Trimble as his successor. Not affected by the shift in deanship will be the teaching work of either man, for Dr. Parker will continue to hold his chair in systematic theology. He requested relief from administrative duties with the approach of his seventieth birthday on May 20.

Both men were serving in North Carolina just prior to coming to Emory, both became dean at the age of 52, and for both 1885 was a significant date. For in 1885 Parker, at the age of eighteen, was licensed to preach in the Louisiana Conference. And in 1885 his successor was born on a farm in Hotsprings, Virginia. It was on the farm that Dr. Trimble developed his liking for the outdoors and also his sympathy for the farmer.

By managing a second hand book store in Salem, collecting a doctor's bills and operating a laundry agency in Nashville, and by preaching in New York, Dr. Trimble was able to secure his A. B. degree from Roanoke College, Virginia, his M. A. in sociology from Columbia University and his B. D. from Vanderbilt University and Union Theological Seminary. An honorary D. D. was conferred on him by Roanoke, and Hendrix (Ark.) Colleges. "Doctors' bills," he said, speaking of his work in Nashville, "are hard to collect. But," he added, "I have yet to see the student who supremely desired an education that didn't get it."

Men who had secured a theological education were scarce when Dr. Trimble joined the North Arkansas Conference after leaving Vanderbilt. But the people in Arkansas made him feel at home —so much, in fact, that in Clarendon in 1914, he began his own home with Mattie Lorena Corgill, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. That home now includes Myrtis, a freshman in Agnes Scott College, Henry Burton Junior, in Druid Hills High School, and Martha Marie, in Druid Hills Grammar School.

Travel in the United States has been extensive for Dr. Trimble, for he has been a member not only of the North Arkansas Conference, but also of Little Rock, Tennessee, and Western North Carolina, and was an army chaplain during the World War. The last charges he served during his nineteen years as pastor were McKendree Church in Nashville, Tenn., and Central Church, Ashville, North Carolina.

Membership on the budget commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has rendered Dr. Trimble ineligible for membership in the past general conferences, but has made possible outstanding contributions to the church. Serving as a member of the commission for twelve years, he has been its chairman for the last eight. His knowledge and experience in church finances has made his services in that field invaluable, and the prominence he has given to church theological schools has played an important part in raising the standards of theological training.

Other contributions of Dr. Trimble to religious education and church organization have been his books, "Motive and Method in Christian Stewardship" and "The Methodist Church at Work." As an instructor in leadership training courses in these fields he is in demand everywhere.

North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. G. A. Baker, pastor at Dublin and Matson in the Greenville District, has finished the Advocate quota and we place the names of the pastor and charge at the head of the column.

Rev. J. W. Ward assisted Rev. W. L. Pearson, pastor at Fraiars Point, in revival services recently.

Rev. W. C. Beasley will have the assistance of Rev. W. R. Lott in a meeting at Byhalia beginning the fourth Sunday in June.

Our good friend, Rev. G. R. Baker of Dublin, sends a list of subscriptions and then adds humorously, "and you may continue my paper for a while longer."

Rev. G. R. Williams, pastor at Coldwater, was assisted by Rev. N. J. Golding of New Albany in revival services. The meeting began on May 30, and concluded on June 7.

The meeting at Oxford Camp Ground is scheduled to begin on Saturday night before the first Sunday in August. Rev. S. M. Butts, Conference evangelist, is to be the preacher this year.

Rev. Shed Hill Caffey writes that everything is moving along fine at First Church, Greenwood. A vacation church school began last Monday with Miss Mamie D. Ledbetter of Columbus as director.

Dr. J. R. Countiss, presiding elder of the Greenville District, has been much occupied with school commencements recently, having delivered commencement addresses for Catchings, Gunnison, and Benoit schools.

Mr. F. H. Russell, long time steward and superintendent of the Church School at Hollandale, underwent a surgical operation in a Greenville hospital a few days ago. He is reported to be making a normal recovery.

Work began on the first unit of the Oxford-University church, February 1, and the congregation expects to occupy that part of the building on September 1. Rev. W. R. Lott, the pastor, is to be commended for splendid leadership in this very important charge.

Rev. W. M. Hester, pastor at Crawford and Mayhew, sends some subscriptions and he says that those whose names are sent, along with himself, are loud in praise of the Advocate. We value every good opinion of our friends, and we will certainly do our best to live up to their expectations.

Rufus Moore, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Moore, of Leland, is recuperating at the King's Daughters' Hospital in Greenville, following a rather severe surgical operation. We rejoice to be assured that he is on the road to recovery of his health, and this will be good news to the many friends of that parsonage home.

A letter from Rev. J. H. Felts, 907 Walnut St., Fulton, Ky., says that his health is all he could expect, he does three to five hours of light manual labor a day, feels fine, sleeps like a child and takes little thought as to how any organ is functioning. Brother Felts' many friends will be glad to hear this cheery word from him.

Emory University graduated two hundred and eleven students on June 7, which, with those graduated last December and March, brought the total to two hundred and eighty. The candidates were divided as follows: A. B. 63, M. D. 55, B. S. 15, Library Science 27, Business Administration 11, Certificates of Nursing 13, B. D. 4, and miscellaneous 23.

A GIFT FROM THE CONGO

By Mrs. W. B. Lewis

At a recent business meeting of the Woman's society at our Tunda Mission, the women decided to send all the money they had in their treasury plus 150 francs to the Church in America as their contribution to the Bishop's Crusade. The total was $22.00 in American money and the amount has already gone forward to the Board of Missions.

The 150 francs. which the women sent over and above the amount they had in their regular treasury, was realized in an interesting way. It came as the result of a plan of Discipline established by the women themselves and resulted from the settlement of a dispute in the village.

On last New Year's day, all the people of our Tunda village came together at a feast. In discussion the matter of deportment among the women came up and the group made some laws for the village. Two women, the president of the Missionary Society and the leader of the circle in the center of the village, were appointed as enforcement officers. If two women spoke insultingly to each other or were found in loud and vociferous dispute, it was the duty of the officers to bring these women together and endeavor to make peace between them. If the women involved refused to heed the admonitions, however, they were to be fined 50 francs.

The 150 francs above mentioned came in as the result of the first infringement of this rule. Thus far there have been no more violations. Conduct among the women of the village has greatly improved and we are happy to see them taking interest and responsibility for such matters on their own initiative.

They were very happy and of course the missionaries themselves, were still happier to make their contribution to the Bishops' Crusade. The $22.00 they have sent may appear small to the Church at home and in relation to the total amount raised but it is a very large sum to come from the heart of Africa, and probably represents more real sacrifice than most of the gifts which were made to this cause.

THE ALDERSGATE COMMEMORATION

THE SECOND PHASE OF THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

By A. Frank Smith

The Church has been informed of the results of the first phase of the Bishops' Crusade. Under the magnificent leadership of Bishop Arthur J. Moore, and supported in remarkable fashion by the College of Bishops and the ministry and laity of the Church, we have come to a new day in the missionary interest and zeal of our Methodism. The raising of $385,000 in round figures is a notable achievement, whatever the circumstances. But when one realizes that this came as the result of a spontaneous response from our people, with a minimum of machinery, and altogether voluntary as to amounts given, the accomplishment assumes heroic proportions, and reveals the real spirit and motive of the Church. This glimpse into the heart of Methodism is of far more consequence than the actual money that was raised, for it indicates that we are ready and eager for the heart-warming experience which the Aldersgate Commemoration should bring in the days just ahead.

The Church knows that the first phase of the Crusade was never intended to be final within itself. The first phase faced a need so urgent that it had to be met before we could enter properly upon the Aldersgate Commemoration, and now, having been completed in such satisfying fashion, it has proven to be itself the beginning of the experience of the warmed heart all over Methodism. One could not cover the Church as some of us have done within the past six months, and look into the eager faces and sense the heart yearning of ministers and laity alike, and not know that already we are in the midst of a tremendous spiritual awakening. If we stopped now, a notable advance would have been made. This Church of ours is not the same Church it was a year, nor even six months ago.

But we are not stopping now, we have just begun. The Church is on the march, and the Aldersgate Commemoration Crusade is not a beating of the tom-toms to bolster up a faltering courage. Rather it is a calling of every man, woman and child in our ranks to that experience and to that personal consciousness of God through Christ which brought Methodism into being, that we may be fitted for the needs of a changing world, in this day, as Wesley and his followers were fitted for the needs of a changing world in their day.

As the director of the Commemoration Crusade, I have been requested by the Bishops to devote all my time to its direction for the next twelve months, save such as must be given to my own Episcopal Area. This I shall do. I here and now record my high appreciation of the tremendous concern of every Bishop and Connectional Officer and of the Church generally for the success of this movement and for the fine understanding of the preachers and laity in my Episcopal Area, whose cooperation will release me from all save the most urgent duties.

Let certain things be borne in mind with respect to this Commemoration Crusade.

1. There are absolutely no financial objectives save as they appear in the voluntary and inevitable overflow of a quickened spirit. This movement is solely to give something to preachers and people alike, as it may be used of God in the warming of their hearts.

2. All the Bishops, all the Boards and Connectional Officers, the Woman's organizations, the Publications, in short all the interests of the Church have committed themselves in noble and unselfish fashion to full cooperation in the Aldersgate Commemoration during the coming year. The chief concern of these leaders and agencies from now till May 24, 1938, the bi-centennial of John Wesley's heart-warming experience, will be that of bringing our people to an initial or a renewed sense of personal salvation, and to an intelligent application of that experience. Board machinery and departmental goals are to be but means toward this common end of a heightened morale and a renewed Christian zeal.

3. Plans are being matured by an Executive Committee representing every agency in the Church. With the opening of early fall, objectives, the general plan, etc., will be announced.

In the meantime, the Crusade is on! "We are not divided, all one body we," and in this spirit, and with this aim, God can use us in a mighty spiritual awakening. I wish I could share with the Church the multiplied evidences pouring into Crusade Headquarters of a rising spiritual tide that bids fair to sweep the Church to the greatest heights this generation has ever known.

Talk the Crusade, believe in it, sing it, and trust man's heart-hunger and God for the results.

BOARD OF MISSIONS ANNUAL MEETING

From Secular Press Bureau

Happy days appear to be here again for Methodism's missionary cause. For high lights of the recent ninety-first annual meeting of the Board of Missions at Nashville, Tenn., reflect material advance, strengthened morale, greater unity of purpose, and closer bonds of Christian love between the Mother Church and the Younger Churches in mission lands.

The dates of the recent session were May 4 and 5. There was practically a unanimous attendance and messages were received from the few absentees indicating their interest in and prayers for the work of the Board. All of the active bishops were present, with the exception of Bishop W. N. Ainsworth, whose recent illness prevented his attendance.

Of outstanding interest was the report on the Bishops' Crusade. The financial objective of that movement, as reported by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, was realized. He reported cash gifts and pledges amounting to $375,000. Indications point to a total of $400,000, since checks and pledges are still coming in.

The Board officially expressed its appreciation of the efforts of the Bishops Crusade in the matter of missionary advance and pledged its cooperation in the second period of the movement under the leadership of Bishop A. Frank Smith.

Members of the Board were greatly touched by the interest and loyalty of missionaries and Christian nationals whose generous and sacrificial gifts to the Bishops' Crusade undoubtedly were a factor in the success of the movement.

One of the first fruits of the Bishops' Crusade is new missionaries for the foreign field. For with the payment of debt guaranteed, due to the Crusade fund, money heretofore being applied to the annual payment on the debt was released and the Board authorized the sending out of ten new missionaries. In addition, the Women's section has under appointment five young women for foreign work and three deaconesses, who were approved by the Board.

Of the ten missionaries authorized, eight were accepted by the Board to begin their work under the general section. They are: Marion Olin Burkholder, of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., who will go to Korea; Charles W. Chappell, of Richmond, Va., under appointment to Africa; Paul D. Mitchell, of Duke, Okla., to Africa; Inman Townley, Duke University, Durham, N. C., Africa; the Rev. and Mrs. Russell Miller, Nashville, Tenn., Brazil; the Rev. and Mrs. Marshall W. Lovell, Williamsport, Tenn., to China; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ream, of Cleveland, Ohio, to Brazil; Dr. M. L. Smith, of Birmingham-Southern College, to China.

Appropriations for the General Section were $794,392, and for the Woman's Work $795,145, making a grand total of $1,589,937.

Not only did the past year witness an increase in missionary interest, but collections were better. J. F. Rawls, treasurer for the General Section, reported the total income from all sources was $757,774, an increase over 1935 of $10,059.

Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, treasurer of the Woman's section, reported that the women raised last year $830,775 from the Conference Missionary Societies, an increase of $17,574 over the previous year.

Reports of the administrative staff showed greater activity at missionary headquarters and a better response in the Church at large to the cause of missions.

Dr. W. G. Cram, General Secretary, set forth causes for rejoicing in the prospective freedom from debt and improved conditions which will make possible the long needed strengthening of missionary personnel.

Dr. A. W. Wasson and Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, foreign secretaries, told of advances in mission fields and emphasized the need of missionary replacements.

Dr. Grover C. Emmons and Mrs. J. W. Downs, home secretaries, reported advance in all lines of Home Mission endeavor, including evangelism and hospitals. A night session at Scarritt College on Tuesday of the annual meeting was devoted to consideration of Home Mission interests and the appointment of some 200 deaconesses and home mission workers for the ensuing church year.

Dr. H. P. Myers and Mrs. Helen B. Bourne reported rising interest in mission study and membership in Woman's Missionary Societies. The promotional work conducted by Dr. E. H. Rawlings and Miss Estelle Haskin, editors of the World Outlook, by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Assistant Secretary and Tour and Program Director for the Bishops' Crusade; and by Miss Noreen Dunn, Secretary of Children's Work, gave evidence of much hard work on the part of those in charge and gratifying results in the Church at large.

SARDIS-GRENADA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Sardis-Grenada District Conference met in its annual session in Como Methodist Church, Como, Miss., on May 13, 1937, with Rev. C. T. Floyd, presiding elder, in the chair.

A program, prepared by the presiding elder in advance, enabled the Conference to proceed systematically, giving all an opportunity to present the different phases of the work of the church.

The pastors' reports revealed the good work that had been done in the district. All pastors were present with the exception of one.

The outstanding features of the Conference were, The Bible Lectures, given in such an attractive manner by Dr. N. C. McPherson, sponsored by the Adult Division of the church; Grenada College presented some of the students of the College who brought to the Conference through personal testimony and songs their appreciation of the College and what the College had meant to each of them.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: R. W. Sharp, Herbert Holmes, J. W. Kyle, L. L. Minor, Mrs. J. F. Barber, Mrs. C. T. Floyd, C. D. Pate, Mrs. H. P. Lewis, E. W. Varner, W. G. Gaines, Mrs. G. C. Jones, Miss Tryphena Rogers, R. R. Whitten.

REPORTER.

Christian Education

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, JUNE 20

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

JOSEPH'S KINDNESS TO HIS KINDRED

In a most remarkable way the dreams of a bright and ambitious youth had come true; Joseph was in supreme power and his brethren were suppliants before him. Joseph has been humbled and seasoned and they have lost their old jealousy and envy. He is ready to grant a generous forgiveness and they are genuinely penitent, thoroughly changed, not merely regretful that their sin has found them out. Blood is thicker than water and the better the blood, the thicker it is. Joseph not only forgave the past, but made generous provision for the future of his family. His was not the miserable make-shift policy that "forgives but does not forget." A glorious sunset followed the darkly clouded day. Good followed the evil of their early experiences.

Good can come out of evil only as it is mediated by some good man. Even God must have cooperative agents to accomplish his work. The happy ending of our story came not through the wickedness of cruel brothers, but through the goodness of loyal, God-fearing Joseph. In judging events, we need to take the long view. Only in this manner shall we find God. Evil can attain no end that makes it desirable or commendable, nor can righteousness suffer any disaster that makes it unworthy of our deepest loyalty and devotion. Men often call the good which they are not prepared to receive an evil—for example, the rain that spoils a summer picnic but assures food for the long and dreary winter. They also sometimes minimize or even rejoice in evils that have been circumvented by the life and labor of good people.

Joseph assigned his people to Goshen, that part of Egypt best suited to pasturing their flocks and herds, as well as a province sufficiently isolated so that they could pursue their work and worship unmolested by pagan neighbors. Apparently they made rapid progress, soon becoming a menace to the Egyptians, and securing something of the preparation required for taking possession of the Land of Promise.

Great things came to the Israelites because of Joseph's personal character, especially his loyalty to Jehovah. For all the honors and power that came to him in Egypt, he did not forsake the ancestral faith. When Jacob died, he carried the body back to the burial place of his fathers, and exacted a pledge from his people that his own body should not be allowed to moulder in alien soil, but that it should be carried with them when their day of deliverance should come.

Throughout the ages, God has blessed the world through the faithful few. Evil is not only destructive, but self-destructive. The wicked plans of the jealous brothers would have destroyed both Joseph and themselves had they not been defeated by the providence of God through the fidelity of Joseph. It falls to the righteous to fend for themselves, to plan and labor for the making of a better world, and also to clear up the wreckage wrought by the wicked and to care for those who have been disabled by sin and vice. Righteousness is eternally redemptive. The successors of Joseph are kind not only to their own kin by blood, but to their unfortunate brethren of the race.

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The Christian Fireside

AGE NOT A MATTER OF YEARS

To understand what I mean let us conduct a simple experiment. First of all, say to yourself, slowly and distinctly, three times: "Age is not a matter of years; it is a state of mind." Having done that, go upstairs and get out the family album, the big one with the leather covers. Inside it you will find two photographs, one of a man, the other of a woman. The woman has a serious, far-away expression on her face; she wears a voluminous dress of heavy, dark material, buttoned high to her throat; two severe bands of hair are all that show under her lace cap; she has ponderous jet ear-rings; her hands are folded in her lap. The man wears a very high, stiff collar, with a frock coat, into the buttoned-over front of which one hand is tucked away. The other hand clasps a weighty book. The expression on the face is sternly mature, and the countenance is completely encircled by back whiskers. Your grandparents. At the time the photograph was taken he was twenty-eight and she was twenty-six. In those days age was very definitely counted in years. An unmarried girl at twenty-five was "on the shelf;" at thirty she was a confirmed old maid. Thirty was middle-aged for both men and women; at forty they were elderly, and expected to have lost their teeth, their figures, their vitality, and their interest in active living. And what is more, they accepted these restrictions. Any inward rebellion against them was crushed as unseemly; I know one dear old soul who confessed that at forty-five she cried because she thought it was so wrong of her to want to try her nephew's bicycle. No, they counted their birthdays with scrupulous care, and as each came round they abandoned—reluctantly perhaps, but as though conforming to Nature's law—a tiny bit more of their interest in life. But now look at the amusing side of it. Such of our parents who survived into the present age became infected with a new spirit; at seventy they rediscovered their faculty for work and enjoyment, and some of them are now motoring, flying, going cruises, enjoying holidays abroad, playing golf, having their pretty white hair waved, and taking an interest in what they wear. To say nothing of being on bazaar committees, organizing church efforts, and knitting sweaters for welfare centers. It makes one glad to see them getting back a bit of what they missed.

In these days a woman is a girl and a man a boy up to forty; after that there is an almost imperceptible transition to middle-age; but it never goes any further. Definitely not. Nobody is ever too old to do anything. I mean you! You are not too old at seventy—shall we say—to learn golf or German, get married, wear a blue dress, start a new line in business, take a Sunday school class, become a local preacher, or start on an evangelistic tour, provided you have the right kind of a mind, and that is the one important thing. What I am suggesting is that you need never grow old; if you go the right way about it there will be no need to tell people how "young" you are, though your hair is grey; they will respond to your mental appeal and give you credit for dignity and intelligence.

—British Weekly.

A WORD UNFITLY SPOKEN

A certain pastor received an invitation to preach to a Negro congregation some distance in the country. It was in the horse-and-buggy days, and the pastor invited another minister to go with him. The two started out early in the afternoon. They stopped by the roadside and prepared supper and then drove on to the church where the service was to be held. When the visiting preachers arrived there were only two or three people present, but they began to drop in after a while, and by preaching time, the house was well filled. The preacher began his sermon and the fervor of his message soon won an audible approval from his hearers, who from time to time and with increasing frequency indicated their appreciation with "amens" and other symbols of religious endorsement. Finally the preacher took out his watch and said, "I can preach no longer, but I have been preaching fifty minutes and I'm going to quit." At that unfortunate moment a sister, who was more occupied with her feelings than with what was being said, broke in with a shrill, "Thank the Lord!" The sermon ended abruptly, but the pastor of the church arose and completed the slaughter with: "Brethren and sisters, I don't know you all is pleased, but I wants to tell you that I is pleased with this racket I's heard in the pulpit tonight." That was a service which the preacher of the hour was never able to live down."

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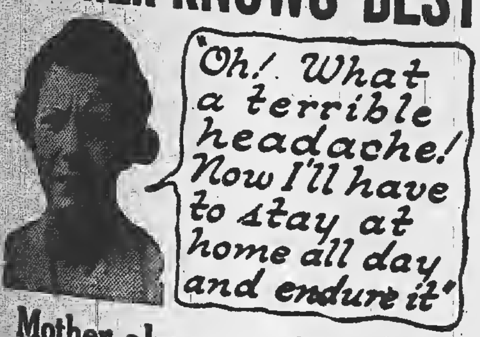
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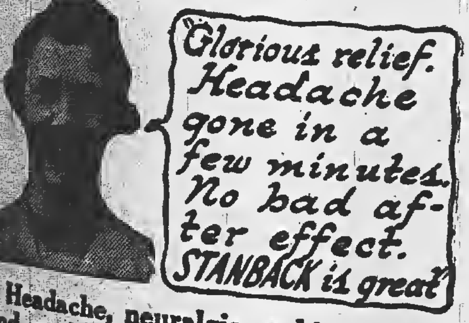
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John B. Pollard,
1574 Jefferson Avenue, New Orleans, La.

Mrs. T. L. Cappel, of Alexandria, sends the following interesting article:

"Approximately one hundred and and twenty-five delegates met in the Pineville Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 11, for the annual conference of the Alexandria District of the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. H. V. Dunford, of Rochelle, District secretary, presided.

"Following the welcome by Mrs. M. A. Walker, of Pineville, Mrs. R. H. Harper gave an inspiring message in her devotional.

"Mrs. Dunford, by means of interesting posters, gave the District report and suggested goals for the coming year, and all zone leaders reported outstanding work accomplished the past year.

"Recognition of life members was offered in a special service led by Mrs. R. C. Culpepper, and Miss Ella Hooper presented a group of girls and boys of the MacDonell School, who gave a group of songs.

"Visiting pastors and their wives were introduced. Following communion and a prayer by Brother R. H. Harper, presiding elder, luncheon was served by the hostess auxiliary.

"The afternoon's program was opened with an impressive service led by Mrs. G. W. Dameron in remembrance of Mrs. R. S. Crichlow, former Conference Superintendent of Children's Work, and of those members in the District who have passed on during the past year.

"Mrs. L. A. Simms explained the 'Efficiency Aim,' emphasizing the fact that the smallest auxiliary might reach this aim. She was assisted by Mrs. Dunford, who showed posters. A vocal solo was given by Mrs. Alaton Townley, accompanied by Dr. Blanchard.

"The remainder of the afternoon was directed to reports of the following phases of the work: Literature and Publicity, Mrs. Dameron; Golden Cross, Mrs. Gallagher and Rev. Harper; Memorial Home, Rev. Harper; Spiritual Life and Message, Mrs. Blevins; and Pastors' School, Rev. Dameron.

"A rising vote of thanks was given the hostess auxiliary and the meeting closed with benediction by Rev. Brown.

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NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

Under the leadership of Mrs. H. L. Stoddard, the efficient Study Leader of the Clarksdale Auxiliary, the study course on "Out of Africa" was one of the most interesting and delightful studies we have ever enjoyed. Many weeks in advance of the first lesson Mrs. Stoddard made original and unique plans for the last detail of each lesson period. Texts were assigned to members of the class, special features were planned for each lesson, scrap books made from current events or articles from newspapers and magazines, and appropriate music prepared. An all-day 'study group' met in the home of Mrs. M. J. Luster. Every person that had a part was asked to be there ready to present her subject material. A delicious plate lunch was served by Mrs. H. L. Stoddard at noon, then the work was completed. All lessons and special features were given by the Young women of the Missionary Society.

The first lesson was a study of the historical and geographical background of Africa. The meeting that Monday was held at the public school auditorium where stereopticon views of this great continent were shown and explained by a group of Junior high students.

The next four lessons were given at circle meetings. At each group a part of the text was presented and with it a special feature. The special features were appropriate music by Mrs. S. B. Entriken, scrap book by Mrs. F. G. Bennett, beautiful posters by Mrs. C. C. Batson, a reading by Mrs. Emmett Lee Payne and a book review "African Crosses" by Mrs. Stoddard. Electric sterescopes were most interesting. Mrs. E. P. Moore, Mrs. Louis Bennett and Mrs. C. G. Cooper taught the text.

The last lesson was most interesting when Rev. Henry T. Wheeler, presiding elder of the Methodist Mission in the Belgian Congo spoke to the congregation on his work in Africa. He urged the financial support of the hospital where Dr. W. B. Lewis is doing such splendid work.

Upon the invitation of the Rosedale Auxiliary, the entire group motored forty-five miles to Rosedale for an all-day meeting in the presentation of this study. A delicious luncheon was served in the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Woollard. A day of profitable study and delightful Christian fellowship was the result of this piece of 'co-operative mission study.'

At Grenada College during the week of May 31-June 6, women from the Missionary Societies of North Mississippi studied, "What Is This Moslem World?" under the direction of Miss Bardeleben. All six Districts were represented with three District Secretaries present. This fall, every member of the class plans to lead in a study of "What Is This Moslem World?" by Watson. Already group meetings have been held, materials collected, and preparation started to make these fall classes the best in years.

While so many representative women were gathered together plans were perfected for Coaching Days in the Districts.

Let me add that this is a splendid time for us to be reading "What Is This Moslem World", collecting clippings, and reading corollary books.

AGAINST UNIFICATION

(Continued from page 5)

The plan is transmitted by the Commissions of the respective churches, to the respective general conferences. Apparently there is no authority for any present action by an annual conference, and it would seem sensible for the General Conference of our Southern Church, representing its membership, to have the proposed plan amended into an acceptable form before it is submitted to the annual conferences. Whether modified, or not, to provide the necessary safeguards, the question still arises whether greater good or harm will come from such union.

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A contest was announced for which the League divided into two groups. The captains of these groups are Clifford Perry and Leo Dean. Points will be given for each new member and scores made during the recreational hour.

Beginning May 30 this recreational hour will be conducted under the direction of Mrs. F. L. Prewitt. It is to be a period of games such as spelling matches and conversational baseball to promote fellowship and good sportmanship among the Leaguers.

In Memoriam

JULIA FAIRMAN STARNES

It is fitting that the members af the Woman's Missionary Society of the Washington Church should pay tribute to one of their members whose absence from our midst is so keenly felt.

So it is with deepest sorrow that we pause to mourn the loss of our friend and co-worker.

We shall miss her from our midst, her ready smile and cordial manner toward all, but we rejoice in her joy; for we mourn not as those who have no hope.

There is no death.
What seems to be transition
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of life elysian
Whose portals we call death.

Day after day we think what
she is doing,
In those bright realms of air,
Year after year her steps pursuing
Behold her grown more fair.

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JAMES MATTHEW HOLT

James Matthew Holt was born on December 11, 1856, and died on April 17, 1937, at New Hope, Ala., at the age of 80 years, 4 months and 6 days. He was visiting relatives when the end came.

He was married January 11, 1881, to Mary Elizabeth Coffman, at Jefferson, Texas. To this union were born four sons and three daughters. Surviving him are four children: Mrs. J. W. Owen, Boaz, Ala.; R. W. Holt, of Horton, Ala.; Mrs. F. J. Gilbreath, of New Augusta, Miss.; and Rev. T. R. Holt, of DeSoto, Miss. His passing was very sudden, and came as a great shock to his relatives and friends. Talking to his pastor a few days before his going of his faith in Christ, and of his "hope that was steadfast and sure," said that he was ready to go when God called for him.

The true and noble life of one we loved is not with us any longer. A full-orbed day has reached its setting Sun, and its diamond brightness has passed through the little space of Darkness that we call death to rise again upon Eternity's Dawn, there to shine with the brightness of a Star—Forever. He lived a victorious life and died a triumphant death. The beauty of his spirit was of the Celestial type. There was not upon his broad and noble brow merely a suggestion, but rather a conviction of God and Heaven. The earth has lost him from its number, and while we miss him here the courts of eternal glory will enjoy the fragrance of his peaceful, Christian spirit.

T. R. HOLT.

MRS. JEWEL KOONCE OWENS

By Rev. Joe Spaulding

Mrs Owens was born in the Anococo Community of Vernon Parish, July 23, 1900. In 1928, on June 28, she was married to R. B. Owens, making her home in Anococo most of the time since.

Early in life, Mrs. Owens joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; she served faithfully in later years as a teacher, musician, and worker in the Missionary Society. She was at home in the Master's work, her grandfather having been Rev. John Franklin and her granduncle having been Rev. J. M. Franklin, Methodist preachers.

As a teacher in the public school, Mrs. Owens was loved by the boys and girls and was to them "Miss Jewel."

No burden was too great to carry, no deed too small to be left undone, no kind word too precious to give.

On February 17, 1937, at 4:10 in the afternoon, Mrs. Owens departed this life, a victim of double pneumonia. Her works were many, the reward will be great and she has left a great challenge to others young and old to heed the Master's call—
"Come, follow Me."

"Asleep in Jesus! far from Thee
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MONROE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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Several presiding elders from other districts were among the visitors. They were: Dr. E. C. Gunn, New Orleans; Dr. Louis Hoffpauir, Ruston; and, Dr. A. M. Serex, Shreveport.

Rev. Guy M. Ricks of Ruston and Rev. A. R. Hoffpauir of Grand Cane were among the visiting preachers.

A high point of the conference was the sermon by Dr. Dana Dawson of Shreveport. Dr. Dawson preached on "The Christian Ministry."

The reports of the pastors revealed that much progress is being made throughout the district in the total program of the church.

Rev. H. L. Johns efficiently performed the duties of the chair. The business was dispensed with in a speedy and orderly manner, yet done thoroughly. The conference was well-planned, as is all the work of our faithful "District Pastor."

The following delegates were elected to the Annual Conference: Mrs. H. L. Johns, Monroe; Mr. W. B. Clarke, Monroe; Mr. E. C. Gibson, Monroe; Mrs. Van Carter, Rayville; Mrs. J. M. Alford, Monroe; Mrs. C. K. Smith, Tallulah; Mr. Fred Coon, Monroe; Mrs. S. M. McReynolds, Monroe; Mr. J. D. McBride, Bastrop; and Mr. C. W. Richard, Lake Providence. The alternate delegates were elected as follows: Mr. H. W. Gilbert, Wisner; Mr. H. W. Seal, Columbia; Rev. S. W. B. Colvin (local preacher), Rayville; and, Mrs. Nita Golsen, West Monroe.

The Tallulah Church was a splendid host to the conference. A fine dinner was served to all present. The conference voted to go to Wisner next year.

Rev. Jack H. Midyett,
Secretary.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The Kingdom of God is not presented and developed on any exclusive and uniform method, but it may be said to be within the province of all to accept it. Apart from the very essentials involved, every man has the fullest freedom of his own personality through which to enter in and illustrate the Kingdom's great principles. The wide realm of the Kingdom of God and its activities are ever open to man's explorations under the personal guidance of the Holy Ghost.

It is a fair way of offering the Kingdom of God to the world, fully in keeping with the best elements of man's nature as a free moral agent, to insist on just enough to preserve the integrity of God's revealed method of human redemption, and then commit it, in all its possible expressions, to the man himself to develop and apply along the lines of his own individuality and environment.

As it is fair, it is also feasible and, to that degree every one rejecting the Kingdom of God is without excuse before God and his own conscience. In fine, the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power; it is not a verbal something reducible to a statute to which all disciples alike must conform, but a power, a vigorous embodiment of spiritual character which, by the necessities of the case, must assume multiform expression. The Kingdom of God is within us, a principle of real life, a regenerated manhood, by which the whole nature is transformed and set in harmony with all that is best. It is a positive something, and not a negation—it is a positive belief, a positive experience, positive service, consisting not in the abstaining from this or that, but in a personal devotion of the whole man to the Kingdom of God, a spiritual Kingdom.

To every man and woman on earth, the doors of this gracious divine kingdom are widely opened for them to enter, and it is their privilege and duty to enter in and express its principles, exhibit its spirit, do its work, and thus be a partaker alike of its responsibilities and its rewards. The Kingdom of God is thus characteristically personal in all the essentials that constitute it. The Kingdom of God is joy, peace, love, righteousness and holiness. If we do not feel these in our hearts and lives, we are not in the Kingdom as yet.

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Beware of Biliousness!**

Have you ever noticed that in very hot weather your organs of digestion and elimination seem to become torpid or lazy? Your food sours, forms gas, causes belching, heartburn, and a feeling of restlessness and irritability. Perhaps you may have sick headache, nausea and dizziness or blind spells on suddenly rising. Your tongue may be coated, your complexion bilious and your bowel actions sluggish or insufficient.

These are some of the more common symptoms or warnings of biliousness or so-called "torpid liver," so prevalent in hot climates. Don't neglect them. Take Calotabs, the improved calomel compound tablets that give you the effects of calomel and salts, combined. You will be delighted with the prompt relief they afford. Trial package ten cents, family pkg. twenty-five cts. At drug stores. (Adv.)

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"The Coming of the King"

(Composed by a British mother on her ninety-third birthday)

Thou art coming, O my Saviour!
Thou art coming, O my King!
Let all this ransomed world of ours
With Hallelujahs ring.
Not then to suffer for our sins,
Not then with thorn-crown'd brow,
Millions of saints shall own Thee King,
And every knee shall bow.

We are waiting and expecting,
And the thought of that grand day
Revives our fainting spirits
As we toil along our way,
And fight the hosts of evil
In the strength of Christ our King,
Our all-victorious Conqueror
Of death, and hell, and sin.

—Methodist Recorder.

Wallet of the Week

THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY STUDENT, a daily college newspaper, has inaugurated an experiment in the introduction of a church page as a daily news feature. The page carries news of the campus activities of various religious groups, features programs of the city churches, carries feature articles by leading laymen, and has also a religious cartoon. The reason given for the church page is, "we have decided that a paper without information on church activities is lop-sided." That strikes us as being good logic.

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A ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL, according to an exchange, is in process of construction for the use of the Catholic students of Yale University. Construction of the chapel began on June 1, and it is said that quarters for the exclusive use of Catholic Clubs and other activities of that Church will be included in this new denominational feature of the religious life of the University. We can understand the erection of a chapel for Catholic students, but we do not quite understand why the literary activities and the lecture courses for such students need be held apart from other students.

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A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS has recorded marvelous changes in the religious history of the Chinese Empire. A century ago, according to the best statistics available, there were not more than fourteen Protestant Christians in all of China. Today there are more than a half million and, in addition to those who hold membership in Protestant churches, more than a million are said to be directly under the influence of Christianity either in the home or through the schools. Imagine the amazement of Robert Morrison if he might return for a visit to the field where he experienced such difficulty and discouragement.

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OUR NATIONAL WAR BUDGET is far from offering reassuring evidence of our pacific intentions. In 1927, our country spent approximately a billion and four hundred million dollars in preparation for war. The same year, only eight hundred and thirty-three million dollars was spent for the support of the churches. The war estimate for 1936 is a billion four hundred and sixty-one million as against five hundred and ninety-three million for the support of the churches, and the indications are that the military and naval expenditures for 1937 will go even higher. Congressional backbone is needed more than pussy-footing and mushy peace talk.

CRIME IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL is reported to be alarmingly on the increase. The percentage of women arrested for theft is said to have more than doubled, and the arrest of women drunks is shamefully common since the repeal of prohibition. Judge Robert Mattingly is reported to have said from the bench in Washington: "This wave of increased drinking has got to be checked. Conditions have become so bad in Judiciary Square that the judges, themselves, are no longer safe in walking through the grounds." Who expected that the result following repeal would be otherwise?

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GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY was the recipient of gifts totaling more than a million dollars during the past year, according to recent announcement. One gift of half a million dollars, made by Mr. Abram Lisner, a retired merchant of the Capital City, will be used to replace Lisner Hall with a library building of modern architecture. An anonymous giver has contributed a like sum toward a Hall of Government. The School of Government was endowed with a million dollars, a gift of the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Masons a few years ago.

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JUVENILE DELINQUENTS reported for the United States in 1936 numbered more than seven hundred thousand, and the total number of America's "army of crime" was four million three hundred thousand. According to this same Government survey, seventeen per cent of the arrests last year were for criminals under seventeen years. At a meeting of the Council of Social Agencies of the District of Columbia, it was stated that over forty per cent of the 815 criminals of Washington City in 1936 were under seventeen years of age.

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CHARLES R. WALGREEN, drugstore magnate, made a gift of five hundred and fifty thousand dollars to Chicago University on June 5, according to announcement made by President Robert M. Hutchins of the University. Mr. Walgreen, who had considerable publicity when in 1935 he withdrew his niece from the University on account of "communistic influences" and "red" activities, makes this great gift to establish a foundation for the study of American institutions. The donor said that he regarded the institution as one of the great universities of the world, and strategically located for exerting a commanding influence on the thought and development of the country.

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EDITORIAL

ADMINISTERING THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that it might be an illuminating experience for some ministers to occupy an editorial position long enough to learn the reaction of substantial people to the cheapening of the communion, either through indifference to its sacredness, or the mutilation of the ritual for its administration. Some ministers appear to seek to popularize themselves at the expense of the most sacred ceremonial of the church. It is not an uncommon thing to see people admitted to the communion who have never assumed vows of church membership. The ritual declaration in receiving members is: "None who have arrived at years of discretion can remain within its pale, or be admitted to its communion, without assuming its obligations." Again some ministers, who administer the communion at one place and then go to another place the same day, or on a succeeding Sunday, pass the elements without partaking themselves. The rubric plainly says, "Then shall the minister first receive the communion in both kinds himself, and then proceed to deliver the same, etc." It is clearly intended that he partake of the elements himself. We never saw such, but we have heard of ministers who pass the elements after repeating only the Lord's Prayer—omitting the whole consecration service. Against such practice, the service from the beginning specificially directed that if the supply of bread and wine should be exhausted, the minister must repeat the consecration prayer for the consecration of a new supply. Certainly the importance of the sacrament is such that, if for any reason it may not be administered in canonical form, it should be omitted until such may be done. On one occasion, Bishop Asbury found that brandy had been provided instead of wine and he refused to continue the service. The churches which hold to the doctrine that the bread and wine are changed into the actual body and blood of Christ, or that the body is present with the elements, require the celebrant to consume the unused bread and wine, but no such requirement exists with us. However, the solemn significance of the sacrament itself should indicate a general attitude toward its elements.

THE LAYMAN AND CHURCH SUPPORT

After many years in the ministry, we have come to the deliberate conclusion that men are not always helped by membership on a board of stewards. In no sense do we mean this to be a criticism of boards of stewards. On the contrary, we have the greatest appreciation of the men with whom we have been associated in that capacity. We are not now trying to estimate the value of any official relation, but to think through the problem of the layman in church life. We speak of the steward because it is in that relation that lay thought finds expression and registers upon the life of the congregation. In that office, one may, for instance, develop the feeling that a primary function of the place is to exercise control. Within certain limitations, such an understanding may not be wholly wrong, but it may easily reach a point by which the ministry and program of the church would be embarrassed. More than once we have known church officials to undertake to bring character complaints against the preacher into the Quarterly Conference for adjudication. Usually it is some petty difference, but whatever the justice of the complaint, it is a process of correction not sanctioned by church law. But a more insidious and dangerous drift grows out of the obligation to provide for the financial support of the church. Meetings of boards of stewards are usually so dominated by financial matters that no recognition whatever is given to the spiritual concerns for which support is sought. The pastor may be partly chargeable for such omission, but not always nor directly so. The board of stewards has been called the official family of the pastor, but more for the reason that its membership is selected upon his nomination than for the absoluteness of his control over its actions. George Eliot said: "Our deeds are like children that are born to us; they live and act apart from our will," and so it is with stewards. But this is our point, when the steward becomes absorbed in the financial responsibilities of his office, his prepossession is reflected in the life of the congregation. The influence of the pace-setter is inevitable, and the official layman of the church has as great an opportunity to fix the tone of congregational life as has the minister. The pastor comes and goes, but the layman stays on from year to year and his is a constant influence. We sincerely sympathize with the layman whose stewardship keeps him too exclusively in touch with the currencies of the market-place.

THE NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Seven Reasons Why Every Layman Should Be a Subscriber

(Inserted at the request of a layman who wrote Bishop Dobbs for his opinion on this matter)

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2. The Advocate is the accredited voice of Methodism to the family circle. It ministers to home building and happiness. The literature in your home, be it good or bad, is your ministry to those whom you love.
3. The Advocate is the organ which interprets authoritatively the purpose and mission of the church. No person can be a representative Methodist without his church paper.
4. The Advocate disseminates information concerning the personnel and the local program of the church. No church official can worthily administer the affairs of his church without its help.
5. Church membership implies loyalty to the means for promoting and maintaining church organization. The Christian Advocate is not a luxury, it is an institution adopted by Mr. Wesley for the advancement of Methodist interest.
6. No institution can stand still and survive. The church is no exception. Every program of church improvement is also an argument for a better Advocate. The paper is not in debt, but it needs enlargement, improvement. It waits for better financial support.
7. It is not good sportsmanship to allow the editor and a few loyal friends to make and maintain a literature for the church and the Methodist home. Every layman should share the task of creating the medium for deepening Methodist interest and consecration. For more than eighty years, the Advocate has been the child of the faith and prayer of Louisiana and Mississippi Methodists. We owe it continued support. Is it on your library table?

Hoyt M Dobbs

THE CAMPAIGN REPORT

On pages fifteen and sixteen of this issue, will be found a complete tabulation of the Advocate subscription campaign to date. This is not a final report, but it is published that every charge may know its approximate standing at this period. Mr. Chalmers has done all that he could to make the report accurate, but the constantly varying record has made it exceedingly difficult to be sure of the exact figure. Do not be alarmed, if there should seem to be an error in the report for your charge.

Editorial Miscellany

By Dr. H. T. Carley

CONCERNING WEARINESS

The man that invented resting when you are tired is deserving of one of the larger medals awarded by an appreciative people to the noblest of their benefactors.

Weariness is a glorious aftermath of work. Lazy men never get tired—unless it is of living; and life is never half the bore to them that they themselves are to their neighbors. If it be true that "nobody loves a fat man," it is doubly true that everybody hates a lazy man.

An extended thesis could be written on the proposition that weariness is one of the major blessings of life. To say nothing of the opportunity it affords of resting, it is the working man's badge of efficiency. A hard day's work takes its toll of muscle and sinew and nerve tissue; and the flagging energies at the end of the day are pretty good proof that the day has been well spent. Sometimes, after a prolonged spell of hoeing and spading and raking, Harrison (our handy man) says, "Nossir, I ain't tired;" but we notice that he is not as peart as he was in the morning. If there are no signs of fatigue, the deduction is that he has been loafing instead of working.

Weariness and a good conscience go hand in hand. An honest day's toil is conducive to a restful night's sleep, free from restless repinings and vain regrets. "An idle brain is the devil's workshop;" and idle hands are his most efficient tools. Busy men make the best saints. (Busybodies belong in another class).

There is a big difference between being tired of a job and tired on a job. The one who becomes weary of well-doing loses the reward that comes to those who do not give up in spite of being weary in well-doing.

DOES THE CHURCH DESIRE UNIFICATION?

By Bishop James Cannon, Jr.

When I was called by the reporter of the Times-Dispatch of Richmond to express an opinion concerning the statement by Bishop Collins Denny on "The Legal Action Required to Adopt the Proposed Plan of Methodist Union," which had been published in the Times-Dispatch that morning, I stated:

"If any considerable proportion of ministers and laymen of the Church are opposed to the Plan I do not favor its adoption. But if only a small number of dis-cards, even though they should compose a majority in one or two Annual Conferences, should reject the proposed Plan I believe the Church should and will find a method to effectuate its will."

The important matter to be decided is not whether Bishop Denny is correct in his contention that a majority vote against the Plan by any one Conference will defeat the Plan. The important matter to be decided is whether the great majority of our preachers and laymen desire the Unification of American Methodism, and are satisfied with the provisions of the proposed Plan. I have never favored the adoption of any Plan which did not meet the approval of the great majority of our ministers and laymen, even though I myself might personally approve the Plan and think it ought to be adopted.

At the General Conference of 1918 I was Chairman of the Committee on Church Relations and secured a practically unanimous vote for the adoption of the Resolutions proposed, Judge Candler withdrawing his opposition, and all but a few delegates from Mississippi voting for the report. The Commission on Unification appointed in 1918 had, therefore, the practical unanimous authority of the General Conference behind it to try to prepare an acceptable Plan for Unification. The General Conference of 1918 definitely desired Unification. I was Chairman of the Sub-Committee of Four, Bishop Edgar Blake being Vice-Chairman, which worked in the city of Richmond for several days, and presented a Plan to the full Commission, which had as its basal thought Regional Conferences. This Plan was not acceptable to the General Conference of the M. E. Church, meeting at Des Moines in 1920, which adopted an impossible proposal for a large Joint Convention, or Conference, to formulate and to consider a Plan.

Notwithstanding this set-back our General Conference of 1922 re-affirmed its desire for Unification and appointed a Commission and a Plan of Unification was formulated which divided the two Churches into two jurisdictions with one General Conference. This Plan was approved by the Northern Methodist General Conference at Springfield in May, 1924, and was approved by our General Conference at Chattanooga in July, 1924, by a two-thirds majority in both General Conferences. Owing to some personal newspaper discussions which had arisen between July and December, 1924, a number of the "Friends of Unification" came to me at the Federal Council meeting in Atlanta in December, 1924, and requested me to act as Chairman of a "Campaign Committee" to advocate the adoption of the proposed Plan by the Annual Conferences. At a later meeting in Nashville, January, 1925, I stated to the group which requested me to serve, which group as I now recall included Bishops Mouzon, Beauchamp, Drs. A. F. Smith, H. H. Sherman, E. B. Chappell, and others, that I doubted whether there was any possibility of the adoption of the Plan after the discussions which had occurred, but that I would accept the responsibility and endeavor to secure, if possible, a majority for the Plan in our Church. I opened headquarters in the city of Richmond, and put forth such efforts as I could with the time and funds available. I frankly stated that if any large proportion of the Church should be found to be opposed to the Plan I thought it would be unwise to adopt it. The result of the vote was a small majority of 420 in favor of the Plan. Of course, the Plan was defeated for lack of a Constitutional majority, but with the sentiment of the Church recorded as it was at that time I know it would have been a mistake to have adopted the Plan, even had the Constitution permitted its adoption by a majority vote. I held this view even though I personally favored the Plan and worked to secure its adoption.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM BISHOP DOBBS

First Church, New Orleans, the Church at Lockport, the Church at Clarksdale, First Methodist Church here, Noel Memorial Methodist Church, and the Church at Hazlehurst have all paid their debts in full during the past few weeks. There are others of which you have knowledge.

The day yesterday at First Church reflected credit upon Methodism. I trust you had a happy visit to Monroe.

Yours cordially,

HOYT M. DOBBS.

I have not been a member of the present Commission on Unification, but have tried to study carefully the Plan proposed. Frankly, I do not think I personally like the Plan as well as the Plan of 1924, but if, as it seems necessary, the Church must be divided into Jurisdictions, then it appears to me that the present Plan is a good one and should be adopted. Of course, for example, it is not pleasant for Virginia and North Carolina to have no official contacts with Texas, or Arkansas and Missouri, except at the General Conference. At present we do meet at the Missionary Council, and at the meetings of the various Connectional Boards. But it is necessary to sacrifice some minor things for greater gains.

The present Plan will put an end to over-lapping of territory and churches in Maryland, West Virginia, Holston, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, Colorado, Florida and the far West. A united Methodism will mean much in all the border territory where there has been division for so many years. It is possible that there will be instances of some Southern and some Northern Methodists preferring to join the Presbyterian, the Episcopal, or some other Church, but such cases will not be very numerous, and communities will gradually become accustomed to one Methodism and only one Methodist Church.

The saving of men and of money will in itself be no considerable item, but the obliteration of altar against altar and the development of a spirit of Christian unity will be of far greater value. The United Methodist Church in England has gone forward with a spirit of brotherliness and with increased activity and efficiency. "The Methodist Church" united —as proposed—will go forward in this country and in our Mission fields with renewed hope and increased strength.

The vital question with me, therefore, as I stated in the beginning, is whether the great majority of our Southern people desire to be united with the Northern Methodists and with the Methodist Protestants in one Church, and whether the Plan proposed is satisfactory in carrying out the wishes of the three Methodisms. If our people do desire this Union and think the Plan is satisfactory then, as I said to the Times-Dispatch reporter, a majority against the Plan in two or three smaller Conferences should not and will not be allowed finally to keep the great majority of the Church from accomplishing its purpose.

The first thing to do, therefore, is to find out what is the will of the Church. Does the Church desire Unification by the proposed Plan? Let the vote be taken all over the Church on that main proposition. I cannot emphasize too strongly that the question is whether a majority vote in any Annual Conference will be recorded against the Plan, and whether such majority vote would be sufficient to defeat the Plan. The first thing to do is to find out how the Church as a whole stands for or against the Plan, and in so doing we will find out what Conferences, if any, there are in the Church which contain a majority opposed to the Plan.

But do not let us have confusion brought into our counsels, or into our actions, by any statements which are made by those who are opposed to the Plan and whose statements are made for the purpose of defeating the Plan. Bishop Denny has been against every proposed Plan of Unification. I served with him

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Louisiana Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. O. L. Tucker, pastor at New Iberia, sends us a list of subscriptions which brings his campaign up to thirteen. We appreciate this splendid work on the part of Brother Tucker and his people, and we are happy to list New Iberia as a quota church.

Rev. William Schuhle, pastor at Plaquemine, has exceeded his quota and he writes that he expects to double it. For his work and his purpose, we are duly grateful.

Rev. H. B. Hysell, pastor of Parker Memorial, New Orleans, has completed the quota for his church, and pastor and charge now have the rank of "quota in full." Brother Hysell said that he never did anything that was easier. He simply made an appeal and in about five minutes he had his quota paid for, and among those responding were some new subscribers. Brother Hysell has just returned from a good meeting at Hodge, where he assisted Rev. C. B. White, the pastor.

Rev. J. W. Booth reports a splendid Layman's Day program at Franklinton on June 13. There were two speakers, a man and a woman.

Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, recently joined the ranks of the debt-free churches, according to a report which has reached us. Dr. Charles M. Crowe is the pastor.

Dr. N. E. Joyner, of Minden, sends a list of subscriptions with the encouraging addendum, "More later," for all of which we thank Dr. Joyner and our Minden friends.

Rev. L. N. Hoffpauir, pastor at Rayville, sent in a list of nine subscriptions last week which we acknowledge with sincere thanks. We do not know anywhere a more indefatigable worker than he.

Mrs. O. M. Johnson, Gueydan, sends three subscriptions for the credit of Gueydan charge, of which Rev. K. W. Dodson is the pastor. Sister Johnson says that they expect to reach their quota.

Rev. C. B. Powell reports a very satisfactory layman's service for the Melville charge on June 13. The service for June 20 was devoted to a Church School program and to a sermon in honor of father—Father's Day.

We appreciate a generous word from Mrs. J. I. Law, president of the Missionary Society of Slaughter church. She wrote for a different purpose, but she did not forget that a kind word may help to lift a load.

Rev. T. F. King writes that things are going well at Bunkie, and he is hoping to close out a great year. This is his first year of service at Bunkie and the first year of his ministry outside of south Louisiana.

Dr. R. H. Harper assisted Rev. E. W. Day in a meeting at Rochelle, beginning June 13. Brother Day asks us to give credit to Mr. H. V. Dunford for the splendid list of subscriptions from Rochelle, and this we are more than happy to do.

Mr. C. O. Holland, Conference Lay Leader, was the speaker for the Layman's Day service at Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, on June 13. We were not fortunate enough to be able to hear him, but we feel sure that he brought a message worthy of the man and his office.

Rev. L. W. Cain reports a good meeting at Lottie, where he assisted Rev. A. M. Martin. Twenty members were added to the church. He is now with Rev. P. W. Sibley at Red Oak, where eight have been received on profession. He goes next to Friendship Church, then to Rosedale.

Rev. Carl Lueg, pastor at Hammond, sends a list of six subscriptions and says that he expects to get his full quota. He is putting on the first Vacation Church School that Hammond has had, and he expects the enrollment to reach fifty. He and his people are beginning a $20,000 building program and they expect to be in their new building the first Sunday in October.

Rev. J. A. Alford, pastor at Istrouma, was a caller at the Advocate office one day recently. Brother Alford reports the purchase of a lot adjoining the present holdings of the church for which the sum of $575 was pledged and most of it has been paid. The church is now collecting funds for the erection of a plant suited to their needs. Brother Alford and his wife are taking a little vacation.

Mr. W. A. McKennon, business manager of First Church, Shreveport, is still in Shumpert Hospital in that city. Dr. Serex writes, "His progress is very slow and we want his friends to think of him." Brother McKennon's illness has been mentioned in previous issues of the Advocate, and we are sure that many friends remember this valuable servant at a throne of divine grace.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Pickett, Simsboro, will be glad to know that Elizabeth May, their daughter, was an honor graduate at the recent Millsaps Commencement. She was a member of the glee club, Eta Sigma and other organizations. Other members of the family who have graduated from Millsaps include: Robert, Roanoke, Va.; Ruth, Natchez, Miss.; George, Jackson, Miss., and Joe, now a student at Emory University.

Dr. W. L. Doss, Jr., pastor at First Church, Lake Charles, reports that the refinancing of the church debt has been completed, and the principal debt is now $35,000. The church has also reached an agreement by which it is expected that the debt against the organ will be settled on July 1. Nearly enough money is in hand to liquidate the organ debt. All this has been made possible by the faithfulness of those handling the matter for the congregation and the cooperation of the membership of the church. The Honor Roll for the first half of the year lists 153 individuals or heads of families who have paid their pledges in full to date.

WHO IS RIGHT?

John Wesley's sermons are still, I believe, our accepted standard of doctrine. Recently I have re-read some of these sermons, and what I have read has made me ask, Who is right, Mr. Wesley or the Church today? If John Wesley is right, then the teachings of the modern Church are wrong; but if we are right today, then our founder was wrong. Consequently we arrive at the conclusion (if we face the matter squarely) that God blessed a man who was utterly unsound in his fundamental principles. For the last fifty years our Church has drifted from the old fashioned truths of our Methodism. Today the drift has so widened that there actually exists a serious contradiction between the old Methodist doctrines and the so-called psychological viewpoint of the Church today. Whether I would or not, therefore, I am compelled to face the question, is the modern Church sound, or unsound? Are we right, or are we wrong?

Let me elaborate further and try to show what I mean.

In John Wesley's standard fifty-three sermons we read (sermon 3, sec. 3, par. 6) as follows: "He is a Christian who hath received the Spirit of Christ. He is not a Christian who hath not received him. Neither is it possible to have received him, and not know it. 'For at that day,' (when he cometh, saith our Lord) 'ye shall know,' etc." In plain words, therefore, Mr. Wesley says no person ever becomes a Christian without knowing it. We do not receive the Spirit of Christ without knowing of his coming.

But now let us turn to the teaching of the Church today. One of our accepted Bible study books is entitled, "The Radiant Heart." The writer agrees that according to the New Testament, religion means to receive the Holy Spirit, but in order to escape the predicament of facing a Spiritless Church today the writer says this: "Sometimes he," (that is the Spirit) "comes so softly and gradually that we do not know the time and the place when we became the children of God."

Now, to be blunt and plain, there is a flat contradiction. Somebody is wrong. The Church today says you can have religion and not know that a thing in the world has ever happened to you. And obviously, to go a step further, if we may receive the Spirit, and not experience the fact, we can lose the Spirit and know nothing of the loss.

Again, take another example.

John Wesley insisted that the new birth was essential, that everyone must be raised from the death of sin to the new life in Christ. In his sermon 45, sec. 1, par. 4, Mr. Wesley says: "This then is the foundation of the new birth—the entire corruption of our nature. Hence it is that being born in sin, we must be 'born again.' Hence everyone that is born of a woman, must be born of the Spirit of God." Further in the same sermon we read: "The new birth is absolutely necessary in order to eternal salvation."

Is Wesley right? The Church today says "No." We are saved by a process of development, which John Wesley would plainly call a mere attempt to be saved by self-righteousness. Notice, however, what our Church says: In the Adult Student for August, 1936, this statement was made on page 30: "The situation which was prevalent in the Church a century ago was largely the result of a misconception of the nature of conversion." Here again is an utter contradiction. John Wesley says: "Every one that is born of a woman must be born of the Spirit of God." The Church says that Mr. Wesley and other great spiritual giants were laboring under a false conception. In other words, they didn't understand. We are enlightened today, and, therefore, have no place for the new birth, even though our Lord himself said it was necessary. It does seem amazing, however, to such a simple person as I, that the men who moved the world were so hopelessly wrong. So again I ask, who is right?

Just a last word. It is interesting to note that the predicament of the modern Church, as a result of preaching the appalling dolusions of Christian education, was plainly foretold by Spurgeon just about fifty years ago. This is what he says: "Everything appears to be shaken nowadays, and shifted from the old foundations. It seems that we are to evolve out of men the good that is already in them; much good may you get if you attempt the process. I am afraid that in the process of evolution you will develop devils. I do not know much else that will come out of human nature, for manhood is as full of sin as an egg of meat."

Now, if we substitute Christian education for the word evolution where Spurgeon uses it, we have that great man's opinion of our whole system in the modern Church. For, make no mistake, there is again an utter and flat contradiction. The old theology said, we start with a lost person, and that person must be born again. The new psychology says, develop the good.

Consequently, in my simplicity of heart I want to know who is right. I am wondering how many preachers today have the courage to preach the old truths. I am wondering, also, what would Wesley think if he were to return. There are times when I think, if our beloved John Wesley could see the back-slidden condition of the Church today, the sight would break his heart.

Does any one else believe and think as I do?

T. F. KING.

NOTICE FROM BISHOP DOBBS

My dear Dr. Duren:

Please say through the ADVOCATE that Dr. Leon W. Sloan of the Anti-Saloon League is welcome in any and in all of our churches as he presents the claims of this organization.

HOYT M. DOBBS.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CENTENARY COLLEGE

Dear Sir: Four years ago the present administration of Centenary College assumed its active management. The ravages of the depression had, at that time, so reduced its student income and impaired its endowment that a complete reorganization of its operation had become necessary. Immediate and drastic steps were taken to balance the budget and assure an operation within a reasonably expected income.

The result of such reorganization is shown in the following income and expense account for the past four fiscal years:

1934	$146,350.66	$132,527.78
1935	150,404.66	130,906.49
1936	158,162.20	153,376.24
1937	184,409.31	173,000.69
	$639,326.83	$589,811.20

The net operating profit, $49,515.63, shown by the above has been applied to the reduction of indebtedness over the period as follows:

1934	$12,215.36
1935	22,388.88
1936	7,482.29
1937	6,771.61
	$48,858.14

Included in above listed expense is an item of $15,303.31 interest paid on indebtedness. All current obligations incurred during the past four years have been paid, and the indebtedness reduced approximately fifty per cent.

It is believed that the record herein contained and a pledge of continued conservative operation is the greatest guarantee of the future of Centenary College and justifies the continued support of her loyal friends.

Sincerely,
PAUL M. BROWN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

INTEREST GROWING IN THE PROGRAMS AT MOUNT SEQUOYAH AND LAKE JUNALUSKA

Many inquiries are being received in the offices of the General Board of Christian Education concerning the programs at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Lake Junaluska, N. C. These centers of summer activities have been invaluable to thousands of our people in past years and they want to return. Many others are looking forward to attending for the first time.

The programs are arranged to provide something of vital interest for every age group. For example, during the Leadership Schools (Mount Sequoyah, July 27-August 10—Lake Junaluska, August 12-26) in addition to the interesting studies and platform addresses for adults and young people, special activities are arranged for children and intermediates.

Among the outstanding leaders who will be serving are: Dr. Clarence T. Craig, of Oberlin College, Ohio, who will teach at Mount Sequoyah the course "Achieving a Christian Personality" and who will also be the chapel leader and platform speaker. Doctor Craig is one of

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Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. Milton Reeves, pastor at Sumrall, completes his quota for the charge, and we accordingly give the pastor and his people the rank of a quota charge.

Richton and Rev. L. D. Haughton, pastor, this week join the list of quota churches with two to spare, and the canvass continues, says Brother Haughton.

Rev. J. C. Jackson, pastor of Daleville charge, sends a list of six subscriptions which completes the charge quota. For this splendid work we extend our best thanks and list as a quota charge.

Mrs. S. C. Hinton, of Bay Springs, sends a list of nineteen names which makes a level column for the Advocate quota for the charge. Rev. E. A. King is the pastor. We express our thanks to the pastor, Advocate representative, and friends for this loyal support.

Broad Street Church, Hattiesburg, Rev. T. O. Prewitt pastor, is in the list of quota churches and with a magnificent margin of surplus. For this achievement, we extend thanks to Brother A. C. Lynd, the pastor and all who helped to bring the campaign to such success.

Rev. George H. Jones, pastor at Ellisville, has carried his Advocate campaign to success with a comfortable margin. He made his appeal, not upon church or quota loyalty, but upon the need of the people for the paper, and the need of the Advocate for their support in order to put out a better paper.

Rev. C. C. Clark, pastor at Philadelphia, continues the record which he has maintained for many years—he has again secured his Advocate quota with a good margin. His last list contains nine and one-half renewals and eight and one-half new subscriptions. We thank Brother Clark and his people.

Rev. R. A. Alums reporting upon the Advocate campaign for Kingston, Laurel, sends renewals and the assurance that the charge quota will be met.

Rev. H. L. Norton, a superannuate of the Conference, has moved from Biloxi to Standard Heights in Baton Rouge. He worships with Brother J. A. Alford at the Istrouma church.

Rev. H. L. Daniels sends some subscriptions for Wesson charge, of which he is pastor, and says that they have set July 1 for the beginning of their Advocate solicitation.

Rev. J. B. King, of Seminary charge, has already been listed as a quota charge and pastor. We have received twenty subscriptions on a quota of fourteen and thirteen of the number are new subscribers.

Rev. W. B. Alsworth, presiding elder of the Hattiesburg District, is earnestly urging the Advocate campaign, and we confidently expect his district to come through to victory.

Rev. L. E. Alford, Moss Point, is looking after the interests of the paper as is his custom. We find help in the information which he gives us concerning the subscribers of his charge.

Rev. M. K. Miller sends a good list of subscriptions for the credit of Newton charge of which he is pastor, and he expects to add sustantially to the number in a few days. Thank you, Brother Miller.

Rev. J. W. Loudenslager, pastor at Waynesboro, sends a list of ten names for the credit of his charge in the Advocate campaign. We thank Brother Loudenslager for his splendid work for the paper.

Rev. T. E. Nicholson sends a list of twelve subscriptions for Enterprise and Stonewall. Five of them are new subscriptions, and Brother Nicholson reports that he hopes to have more in a few days.

Rev. R. E. Rutledge, pastor of Bonhomie charge, Hattiesburg District, sends a list of subscriptions and a word of encouragement, and appreciation of the paper, for both of which we are duly grateful.

Rev. T. R. Holt, pastor of DeSoto charge, has our sincere thanks for a list of five renewals and three new subscriptions. Not least of all is our appreciation for the brotherly and cordial word regarding the paper.

Rev. W. J. Walters, Pachuta, sends a list of eleven subscriptions on a quota of nineteen. We make due acknowledgment of this good work and we will try to serve the best interests of every subscriber on the list.

Rev. F. L. Applewhite sends a list of subscriptions with the laconic statement and instruction: "Subscriptions as follows," "Credit to the Edwards charge." Thank you, and some time we should like a word about your work.

Mr. W. D. Hawkins, sending a subscription for the credit of Hawkins Memorial Church, Meridian, says "I think we will reach our quota." Rev. Roy Wolfe is the pastor, and no pastor has a more able ally than Brother Hawkins.

Our good friend, Mrs. Will Fulton of Philadelphia circuit, sends us some subscriptions and with it she speaks beautifully of her pastor, Rev. W. C. M. Baggett, of whom she says that he is always ready to help his people in joy or sorrow.

Rev. E. D. Simpson has just closed an excellent revival at Electric Mills in which Rev. M. L. McCormick did the preaching and Mr. Todd led the singing. Both Brother McCormick and Brother Todd are from Millsaps Memorial Church, Jackson.

Dr. Joseph A. Smith, of Central Church, Meridian, was the principal speaker at the alumni banquet at Millsaps recently. We have received enthusiastic reports of the commencement sermon by Bishop Dobbs, and of Dr. Smith's address before the Alumni Association.

Dr. Henry T. Carley writes us that Rev. J. V. Bennett is assisting the pastor, Rev. F. J. Jones, in a meeting at Satartia, and he says that he is doing some good preaching. Brother Bennett held a meeting there several years ago and pleasant memories of his first visit abide.

Rev. Victor G. Clifford, Quitman, sends another splendid list of subscriptions from his charge which brings his number for the campaign to thirty—lacking only two of being four times his quota. This places the paper in two-thirds of the homes of his people. That is certainly a worthy record.

We have received from our good friend, Rev. J. F. Campbell, of First Church, Laurel, a list of twenty-two subscriptions. Brother Campbell is the leader for the Advocate campaign in the Hattiesburg District and, as the report indicates, he is giving an effective direction in the campaign for the paper.

Mrs. C. M. Martin, Advocate representative for East End Church, Meridian, has pressed her campaign amid the shadows of personal sorrows—the loss of her only surviving sister and also that of a close personal friend of many years. Notwithstanding these bereavements, she has secured a splendid list and expects to continue until success crowns her efforts.

Rev. L. D. Haughton has just closed a good revival at Richton, in which he was assisted by Rev. Van Landrum and Rev. O. H. Scott, preacher and singer respectively. Seven united with the church—five on profession of faith. The meetings at Ovett and Avera follow, the pastor doing his own preaching and a good layman is providing the money for the pastor to attend the Pastors' School.

Rev. J. W. Sells sends us a list of twenty-three subscribers from Court St., Hattiesburg, six of the list are new subscriptions. Brother Sells has been busy not more inside his charge than outside. He taught a course on "The Bible as Literature" at State Teachers College, and has preached three commencement sermons for High Schools. In his own church, he has received twenty-six members this year, paid more than half of his benevolences, raised $150 for the Bishops' Crusade, and has made the final payment of $1,500 of the parsonage debt. He plans a young people's revival in July, a general revival in September, and is looking forward to the Annual Conference in November.

DOES THE CHURCH DESIRE UNIFICATION?

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for six years on the two other Joint Commissions and he did not impress me that he desired Unification with the Northern Methodists. He evidently desires to defeat this Plan. I am not denying his right to do what he thinks he ought to do in order to defeat the Plan, but I cannot insist too strongly that the important question before the Church is not whether our Conferences may record a majority vote against the Plan, but whether there is a large majority of the Church favorable to the Plan. We want to know the will of the Church on the question of Unification of American Methodism. If after all the voting is over it should be found that there is an Annual Conference here and there which has given a majority against the Plan, the General Conference can then decide what action it will take in order to prevent the defeat of the recorded will of the great majority of the Church.

A careful examination will disclose that Bishop Denny is mistaken that the Plan involves a change in our Articles of Religion and will, therefore, require a majority vote of all the Annual Conferences. The Plan declares:

"Article III. The Articles of Religion shall be those historically held in common by the three uniting Churches."

There is no difference between the Articles of Religion of the M. E. Church and of the M. E. Church, South, except the footnote in each Discipline concerning the Duties of Christians to the Civil authorities. The footnote in the M. E. Discipline was adopted by the General Conference and is not, therefore, a part of the Constitution of that Church. The footnote in our Discipline was adopted by the Constitutional process. The meaning of the two footnotes is the same in both the Churches. The Methodist Protestant Church has the 23rd Article exactly as it is in the Disciplines of the two other Churches without the footnote. By adopting the Plan of Unification, including the paragraph on the Articles of Religion, the Methodist Protestant Church made her Articles of Religion to conform to those held in common by the three uniting Churches. It is inconceivable that any court in the land would be so narrow, so technical and so biased as not to rule that so far as the 23rd Article of Religion is concerned the meaning and intent are the same in all three Churches.

It is true that the Methodist Protestant Church added three Articles of Religion to the original 25, one on Sanctification, one on the Resurrection of the Dead and one on the General Judgment. But these three Articles are not among those historically held in common by the three uniting Churches, and when the Methodist Protestant Church voted through its General Conference to submit the proposed Plan to the Annual Conferences the Plan was confirmed by two-thirds of the Annual Conferences of the Church, and the three Articles of Religion which are not held in common by the three Churches were thereby stricken out by the required Constitutional vote of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Bishop Denny's second contention that the Plan proposes a change in the method for the alteration of the Articles of Religion and, therefore, would require the same majority vote of all the Conferences that is required to change the Articles of Religion may be correct, and will be passed upon by the General Conference if it is faced with that issue. But the General Conference has ample power, should it decide to exercise it, to prevent one, two or three Annual Conferences from thwarting the will of the great majority of the Church. It is true that there might be some delay, but if in the face of the desire of a great majority, the objecting Conference, or Conferences, should not be willing to withdraw their objections to the Plan, the General Conference has the sweeping power to determine the boundaries of the Annual Conferences, and can provide for the absorption of any such Annual Conferences into a much larger voting unit and so prevent a small majority from thwarting the will of the great majority of the Church.

Bishop Denny is mistaken in his assumption that there is general ignorance of Article 43 of the Discipline concerning the requirements that there shall be a "Joint recommendation of all the Annual Conferences for the alteration of the Articles of Religion." I was well aware of that provision in the Discipline in 1925, as I am today, but I saw no reason then, nor do I see any reason now why any advocate of the proposed Plan of Unification should emphasize this provision of the Discipline, for the result of such emphasis would be to stimulate the formation of a group in some Conferences which would work to give a majority against the proposed Plan. I do not think that I have been guilty of any sin because I have been silent on this matter. I have not thought it to be the matter of prime importance, and I did not want it to becloud the issue.

There has never been any question raised at any time heretofore but that the General Conference has full power to propose the Plan of Unification as is indicated by paragraph 42:

"The General Conference shall have full power to make rules and regulations for our Church under the following limitations and restrictions."

Except as the Plan of Unification may infringe upon the limitations and restrictions laid down in the Discipline there is no question as to the power of the General Conference to adopt the Plan, but inasmuch as it does affect some of the limitations and restrictions it is necessary for a Constitutional vote of three-fourths of the members of the Annual Conferences, and two-thirds of the members of the General Conference to ratify the proposed Plan in its entirety.

The Plan distinctly provides that the Uniting Conference shall "provide a Plan for the control and safe-guarding of all permanent funds and other property interests of the three Churches, and the interests of those persons and causes for which these funds were established."

It will doubtless take some little time and skilled labor to settle all the problems which may arise, but we will have to trust our representatives to care for our interests.

I did not expect to write at such length. My one purpose is to emphasize that the important fact is to determine whether Southern Methodism favors Unification of American Methodism by the proposed Plan. Let us vote on that one issue, and having voted on that leave to the General Conference to determine what method shall be adopted to carry out the expressed will of the Church. We must not have our thought and action diverted by what may possibly happen under stimulated activity by the opponents of the Plan.

Richmond, Va., June 7, 1937.

STATEMENT OF GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK

"Without religious faith there can be no real understanding of life. Faith in the cause of revolution is not unlike religious faith. Without faith human affairs, both great and small, are difficult of achievement.

"Often when face to face with opposition and possible danger, we mortals are prone to retreat and to abandon our work halfway. Such lack of confidence in ourselves is often due to the absence of strong religious faith.

"I have now been a Christian for nearly ten years, and during the time I have been a constant reader of the Bible. Never before has this Sacred Book been so interesting to me as during my two weeks captivity in Sian. This unfortunate affair took place all of a sudden, and I found myself placed under detention without having a single earthly belonging.

"Asked for Bible

"From my captors I asked for but one thing, a copy of the Bible, and in my solitude I had ample opportunity for read-

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North Mississippi Conference

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Rev. A. Y. Brown, pastor at Ackerman and a zone representative for the Advocate in the Columbus District, has completed the quota for his own charge with a ten per cent margin. Four of the list of ten subscriptions are new.

Rev. Seamon Rhea has completed his Advocate quota for Como charge with a list of eight on a quota of seven. He reports the work of his charge as making satisfactory progress, and also an increase of $200 on pastor's salary for last year.

News reaches us that the debt-raising campaign at Clarksdale has been crowned with success. We congratulate Rev. J. E. Stephens and our friends in that splendid church.

Rev. T. W. Lewis, pastor at Calhoun City, has his quota for the Advocate and is still going strong. No man in the Conference presses more vigorously and effectively every detail of his program than does Dr. Lewis.

Rev. W. C. McCay, now in his seventh year at Baldwyn, reports a good year thus far with everything in full-to date. He sends a list of subscriptions for the Advocate and says that he hopes to finish his quota soon.

The news reaches us that Rev. E. F. Tucker, pastor at Sallis charge, has had to undergo an operation for the removal of his tonsils, but that he is recovering rapidly. We hope that he may soon be fully restored to health.

Rev. D. R. McDougal, pastor at Hickory Flat, reports that he has been busy on many lines, including gardening, but that he has not forgotten the Advocate. He sends a list and reports that he has other prospects, both new and renewal.

Mrs. S. C. Pecot, daughter of Dr. J. R. Countiss, says that she is moving to Jersey to get the World's Fair out of her front yard. Her address now is Box 307 Boonton, New Jersey. We value and appreciate her generous word of praise for the Advocate.

Tchula and Carrollton charges have each exceeded its quota in the Grenada College campaign. Tchula more than doubled its quota. If the appeal should meet such response throughout all North Mississippi, it is easy to figure what would happen at Grenada College.

Rev. J. H. Holder, pastor at West Point, is reported to have preached a stirring sermon before the Columbus District Ministerial Association a few days ago. The meeting was held in Starkville and it is said that the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit was such as is not common in these days.

The parsonage at Carrollton has been redecorated and put in tip-top shape from front to back. Carrollton, North Carrollton and McCarley churches took two rooms each and they made it look like a palace, says the presiding elder. Brother Lawhon, the pastor, and his wife are in high favor.

The pastor's Bulletin issued by Dr. E. Nash Broyles of First Church, Columbus, features Stewardship and the Vacation Bible School in the issue of June 6. In the list of stewards given, we find that we know less than one-half of them, although it has been just twenty years since we left the pastorate of that church.

Dr. A. T. McIlwain, presiding elder, has sent to his charge an appeal in behalf of the Advocate, and incidentally for the maintenance of the splendid educational work which the district has been able to do with the prize money received from the Advocate for two years past. We feel sure that Greenwood District will come through again in the campaign now on.

The Young People's Assembly at Grenada last week is reported to have been one of the best in the history of the Conference. One hundred and eighteen young people enrolled for classes, and one hundred and twelve received credit certificates. A communion service concluded the session. One young lady offered herself for missionary service and another was baptized and received into the church. All District Directors were reelected except Rev. L. M. James of the Corinth District, who was succeeded by Rev. M. H. Mitchell. Rev. A. Y. Brown was continued as dean of the Assembly.

TO THE PASTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Brethren: I do not recall ever having presumed to suggest or advise my brethren as one in authority. No such presumption is in my heart now. I am personally interested in the New Orleans Christian Advocate. YOU SHOULD BE. The editor is one of our own men, born and reared among us, worthy and well qualified in every way, a man we are proud of, justly so.

The paper is as truly our own as it is of the other members of the three Conferences. **It has never been better edited, nor is it likely to be.** The business management is exceptionally satisfactory. Milton Chalmers is a man we respect and love. He is capable, honest, definitely Christian, and looks after our interests carefully. I now live where a great Conference is trying to get the news without a Conference organ. The attempt is all but pitiful. No one, not **even the owner and publisher of the little sheet is satisfied.** Brethren, the safe, sane, business, Christian thing to do is to make your quota the minimum, and do it now. I want to see my Conference, my brethren of that Conference, my friends of North Mississippi right up to the best in their interest as expressed by subscriptions. The paper, the editor, the publisher, to say nothing of the subscribers, is worth many times what we put into it. Let's go, brethren, according to our strength. A church without a paper is a poor institution. A Conference without a paper is real cheap. I am on the side line. The paper is even more meaningful to me now than when I was active. **I want my friends to give unquestioned support to the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and do it now.**

JAMES H. FELTS

Fulton, Kentucky.

CHURCH UNION PLAN

THE RIGHT THING BUT THE WRONG WAY

The Union of the different Methodist Churches is very desirous, but the Plan for Union is not at all practicable. Attention to the many vexing problems of the proposed Union Plan came after noting the court's final decisions in the Presbyterian Church's effort to unite.

Organic Union is proposed in the Plan —with jurisdictions to adjust the different environmental and racial relations. A co-ordinate, or a cooperate union to protect all eleemosynary institutions, trust funds, properties in trust deeded to church in memorials with conditional or reversion clauses would be better. The loss in other days of Vanderbilt University is but an instance of what will happen. It is impossible to calculate the amount of funds in trust, in departments, or that control the policies of many of our institutions and large churches. It is useless simplicity to assume that no one will contest for the control or reversion of properties in the courts of the land.

It is too much to say that we will not in the end have a United Church. We will have a great united church, but it is likely we will have three small ones that contested the union and, judging from the court's action in the Presbyterian Church, will hold, in many cases, the property—which will not only cripple our work but will limit our success and will confound confusion the more.

We are for a practicable union and have been from the beginning. We cannot support this Plan. Its success will plague for many years to come. We have seen much of the need of Union—altar against altar—the use of much financial resources in foolish competition in home fields, but even this is small compared to what we vision that can come with contending litigants within our gates. A Plan that will protect our great material resources in every way is of prime importance. Our property controlled and used against us will make it next to impossible for us to do the work that is expected of us. The great system of Arminian Christianity deserves a better future than can be contemplated under these limitations.

C. M. CHAPMAN.

Pontotoc, Miss.

INTEREST GROWING IN THE PROGRAMS AT MOUNT SEQUOYAH AND LAKE JUNALUSKA

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the nation's recognized younger scholars who has served most acceptably in some of our pastors' schools. Dr. A. C. McGiffert, Jr., of Chicago Theological Seminary, will lead the course on "Achieving a Christian Personality," at Lake Junaluska, and will serve as chapel leader and platform speaker.

Dr. D. M. Maynard, of Scarritt College, will lead at both Mount Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska a very timely course on "Basic Foundations of Adult Education." Special consideration will be given to matters of extreme importance to all who are working with adult groups. He will also lead the course "Parents Understanding Their Children."

Another outstanding personality in both schools is Miss Florence L. Goodenough, director of the Bureau of Child Welfare, University of Minnesota, who will lead studies in "Devotional Psychology" and "Education for Wholesale Living."

In addition to these, there are courses in missions offered by the General Board of Missions, and in other areas that are equally attractive.

The period July 19-26 at Mount Sequoyah, and August 3-10 at Lake Junaluska will be devoted to Missionary Conferences. These are being featured by the General Board of Missions and will include study courses, conference hours, and platform addresses. Leaders of Mission study classes will have opportunity to take the course "Leadership of Mission Study Groups" and another very helpful course.

Write the Division of Leadership Training, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., for a catalog giving full information about program and expenses.

STATEMENT OF GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK

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ing and meditation. The greatness and love of Christ burst upon me with a new inspiration, increasing my strength to struggle against evil, to overcome temptation, and to uphold righteousness.

"I am indeed grateful to all my fellow Christians who continually offered prayers on my behalf, and I am deeply conscious of the strong spiritual support for which I extend my hearty thanks to all Christians and to which before you all today I testify that the name of God may be glorified.

"Many virtues of Christ I cannot possibly enumerate. Today being Good Friday I merely wish to explain some of the lessons I have derived from the trials of Christ. His utterances from the Cross are our spiritual inheritance. Entreating forgiveness for his enemies, He cried: 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do,' Truly great is the love of Christ. In all my meditation I found these thoughts recurring and providing me with rich spiritual sustenance.

"To illustrate I am going to recount some of my experiences at Sian. Before I went to Shensi on my second trip, I already was conscious of the perverted thoughts and unusual activities in the army there. I had previously received reports of the intrigues and revolutionary rumblings that were threating to undermine the unity of the state.

"My immediate associate tried to persuade me to abandon the journey, but I replied: 'now that our country is unified and the state established, the Commander-in-Chief of the armies has the responsibilities for the direction and enlightenment from which he dare not withdraw. Furthermore, I have dedicated my soul and body to the service of the State, and there can never be any consideration of my personal safety.'

"Followed Christ's Example"

"According to the record of the New Testament when the Christ entered Jerusalem for the first time, he plainly knew the danger ahead but triumphantly, on an ass, He rode into the city without anguish, without fears. What greatness. What courage. In comparison, how unimportant my life must be. So why should I hesitate?

"My fondness for my troops always has been as great as a love between brothers and this love drew me into the heart of the rebellion. Such disregard of danger in face of duty caused the deep concern to the government, worried the people and for this numerous prayers have been offered by Christian friends. In the midst of it all my understanding increased and my love multiplied.

"Following my detention my captors presented me with terms and demands, with tempting words of kindness, with threats of violence and torture, and with public trial by the "Peoples' Front,' On every hand I was beset by danger, but I had no thought of yielding to the pressure. My faith in Christ increased. In this strange predicament, I distinctly recalled the 40 days and nights Christ passed in the wilderness, withstanding temptation. His prayers in the garden of Gethsemane, and the indignities heaped upon Him at his trial. The prayers He offered for His enemies upon the cross were ever in my thoughts.

"Strength Redoubled

"I naturally remembered the prayers offered by Dr. Sun Yat-sen during his imprisonment in London. These scenes passed vividly before me again and again, like so many pictures. My strength redoubled to resist recalcitrants with the spirit of Christ on the Cross. I was preparing to make the final sacrifice at the trial of the so-called 'Peoples' Front.' Having determined upon this course of action I was comforted and at rest.

"Following the settlement of the Sian affair, the rebels, knowing their unwise and treasonable actions naturally were afraid. Remembering that Christ enjoined us to forgive those who sin against us until 70 times seven and upon their repentance I felt that they should be allowed to start life anew. At the same time I was greatly humbled that my own faith hadn't been of such quality as to influence my followers and to restrain them.

"Every since training cadets and launching expeditions I have repeated to my followers these two principles: (1) on detecting the slightest selfishness on my part or discovering plans contrary to the interest of my country and people, any one may accuse me of guilt and put me to death: (2) should my words and actions betray the lack of truth and good faith or indicate the departure from the revolutionary cause and principle, any one of my subordinates may take me for enemy and put me to death. I honestly believe that these two sayings were prompted by sincerity and grew out of my religious faith. They are in line with the spirit of love of Christ and the forbearance and magnanimity of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

"The life of Christ reveals the long record of affliction and constant persecution. His spirit of forbearance, His love and His benevolence shine through it all. No more valuable lesson has yet come to me out of my Christian experiences.

"Dr. Sun Yet-sen was a Christian and the greatest thing he received from Christ was love—love for the emancipation of the weaker races and for the welfare of oppressed peoples. This spirit remains with us and reaches to the skies. I am an ardent follower of the revolution and although my faith in Dr. Sun at the outset did not appear to have any religious significance, it was similar to a religious faith. For this reason I have become a follower of the revolution based on the San Min Chu I.

"Today I find I have taken a further step and have become a follower of Jesus Christ. This makes me realize more fully that success of revolution depends upon men of faith and that men of character, because of their faith, cannot sacrifice their principles for personal safety under circumstances of difficulty

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Christian Education

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CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON, JUNE 27

By Dr. J. R. Countiss

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

The essence of the Christian religion is love, a love that begins in the family, extends to the community, spreads to the race, and reaches finally to God. Social order implies social obligation, as social profit implies social investment. All social life is social sharing. Two persons walking the road must share it. The primary sin of Cain was selfishness. He was jealous of his brother's preferment, and it was sin and not the form of his offering that prevented his acceptance with God.

No gift can atone for lack of love. Jesus bade offenders against their brethren leave their gifts even at the very altar until they should first make restitution or reconciliation with those whom they had wronged. One cannot be right with God so long as he has a wrong attitude toward his fellow man. Sin crouched at the door of Cain, eager to spring upon him, desiring to overcome him, but it was his privilege and duty as a free moral agent to win the mastery over it. Instead of conquering his jealousy, he yielded to passion and slew his brother, as if that could improve his standing with God, with himself, or with his fellow men.

Having committed murder, it was easy for him to lie and to offer the alibi that his brother's welfare was no concern of his. No concern with his brother except to kill him! No concern for his life except to take it from him! That would appear to be taking a rather deep interest, especially to the victim. So today, capital has no concern for labor except to purchase it as a "commodity," and at the lowest possible market. So labor has no concern for capital except to exact the highest wage for the shortest hours and the shoddiest work; no concern except to "sit down," pre-empt the property of others, and prevent other labor from earning its bread, as free men have the right to do. Christian nations have no concern for their poor pagan neighbors except to exploit their trade, making their pitifully small wage smaller by the exactions of high tariffs.

The Christian must have more than the indifferent concern that lets his brother alone, or does him no harm. He must render all possible good. Christianity is good news to be heralded to the world. It is a gushing fountain in the desert to be shared with every thirsty traveler. It is an inexhaustible store of food to be divided with every starving soul in the beleaguered city. It is light for the world on which no group nor race has a monopoly. It has immediate and vital concern not merely with those who worship at its altars, but in the whole human race, more especially in those who produce our bread and make our clothes; those who toil that we may rest, who labor that we may have the comforts of modern life. It cannot exult in opportunity to secure rare values at low prices while the blood of producers cries from sweat shop and slum. When God takes note, it is time for his disciples to give attention.

No offering from field or flock can bribe God to bargain with selfishness and sin. It was not his poor offering but the bad character of Cain that prevented his favor with God. The Christian God is not one whose anger must be appeased with gifts, but a loving Father who welcomes into his family all those who live by the beneficient law of love, who rejoice in every opportunity of doing good to their fellow men, particularly in bringing wanderers back to the Father's house. Every man is his brother's keeper.

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QUEER NESTING-SITES

Dear Boys and Girls:

When we are bird-nest hunting as a rule we know where to look for certain birds' nests. We should never think of looking in a bush for a lark's nest, and we know that a rook builds in high trees.

But birds have their peculiarities, just as human beings have, and some of them do not build their nests according to rule. How many times when I have been walking along have I struck against an old tin can lying in a bush or on the ground, and to my surprise a robin has flown out. Inside, of course, was a nest full of eggs, or youngsters. A robin has a lot of whims and fancies. Often he chooses a nice snug recess in a hedgebank, but he is just as satisfied with a drain-pipe or a dark corner in an outhouse.

Another bird which shows a certain amount of originality, or shall we say peculiarity, for they are not both the same thing, is the little brown wren. Have you ever noticed that whilst the robin is always ready to make friends, the wren is very independent and never makes overtures of friendship? A good deal of the robin's chumminess is no doubt due to cupboard love, but I have never seen any wrens coming to my bird-table for crumbs or scraps in winter.

Ordinarily, this bird likes to build under an over-hanging bank or in the crevice in the rocks, or particularly amongst ivy around a tree. But I have also found her nest in a coil of rope in a stable. Another had built inside an old coat that was hanging from a nail.

Last week I visited a garden where there were a number of very large plant pots standing inverted, with their rims on the grass. I lifted up one of these and underneath were two starlings just ready to fly. Under another pot about six feet away was a nest of moss, and in it were about ten small blue-tits. When I lifted the pot they opened their absurdly big mouths for food. Both the parent starlings and the blue-tits entered the cosy nesting-site, through the usual hole in the bottom of the pot, which, of course, was on the top.

Blue-tits often choose peculiar positions. At the gateway of a friend's garden in Cheshire there is a post-box. Every year blue-tits have taken possession of this. They slip in and out through the slit through which the letters are pushed. And what an assortment of stuff they build their nests with—moss, lichen, paper, hair, wool, fibre, and anything which comes handy. Another bird I once found always had her nest inside the panes of a street lamp. But of all the queer places to build in, I think the black-headed gull must be awarded the prize for selecting such a site. This bird had a nest on the floating carcase of a dead sheep. It was on a large pond, and the sheep floated about according to the way of the wind. What a good thing that birds have no sense of smell, otherwise such a position would have grown worse each day—Methodist Recorder.

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"KAYO" SAVES THE DAY

By Adrian Anderson

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When Everett Schlosser, Kayo's master, went to repair the telephone lines near Fort Morgan, Colorado, which had been torn down by a flood, Kayo went along.

At the point where several poles had been washed out and the lines broken, there flowed a stream 900 feet wide and filled with quicksand. No human being could wade or swim it, nor could he throw a line across. To go up or down stream to where a line could be carried across was found impossible because of the intervening trees and underbrush. A kite was tried without success.

It was then that Everett Schlosser bethought himself of Kayo. First, he tied the end of a ball of cord to his pet's collar and left him in care of a friend. Then he went upstream to where he could cross and came down on the other side. Kayo, watching from the opposite bank, suddenly heard his master call out, and without hesitation or questioning leaped into the stream. Sometimes he swam, sometimes his stubby little legs touched the dangerous shifting sands of the bottom. The long cord became heavier in the water and sand, but Kayo pressed valiantly on. Presently he scampered out on the bank, shook himself and joyfully wagged his tail. The precious line was safely across. The wire quickly followed. Down stream other breaks were discovered, and before the day was done Kayo had made three trips across the swollen, shifting stream.

Kayo watched his master mount the poles and join the lines together again. He did not know that, thanks to his brave unflinching effort, the magic wires were singing again. He only knew that he had pleased the man he loved.—Our Dumb Animals.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. John R. Pollard
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The annual meeting of the New Orleans District was held in the Methodist church at Houma with Mrs. J. H. Thatcher, district secretary, presiding. Words of greeting were given by Mrs. A. L. George to which Mrs. John Pharr graciously responded. The morning devotional hour was led by Mrs. George. A high point of the meeting was the message of the president by Mrs. George Sexton, Jr. Mrs. J. R. Pollard gave the high lights of the Houma Conference. The report of the New Orleans District, given by Mrs. J. W. Warren, former district secretary, revealed that great advancement had been made in the district during the past year. Special music by the [illegible] Quartette of New Orleans was greatly enjoyed.

A delightful noon hour was enjoyed on the campus of MacDonnel school and a bountiful lunch was served.

The afternoon program was opened by Mrs. Harry Ferguson reading the Scripture in French. Rev. R. C. Gunn, presiding elder, gave a most earnest devotional message. Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter gave a most informing talk on the recent meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council and also the annual meeting of the Board of Missions. Other phases of the work were ably discussed in the persons of Miss Wilhelmina Hooper, Indian work at Du Lac; Mrs. C. I. Jones, supplies; Mrs. W. L. Doren, spiritual life groups; Mrs. J. G. Snelling, Memorial Mercy Home; Deaconess Margaret Young, St. Mark's Community Center. Special music was given by Mrs. J. T. Harris and the MacDonnel School Sextette. The closing feature of the program was a short talk by Mrs. J. H. Thatcher urging the cooperation of all for the advancement of the work of the Kingdom in the New Orleans District.

The quarterly meeting of Zone No. 2 of the Baton Rouge District was held recently at Natalbany with Mrs. C. E. Cowden, zone leader, presiding. A devotional talk on "Prayer" was given by Mrs. R. L. Martin. Mrs. Bonnecarre presented the work of the spiritual life department. A playlet, "Is It Mostly White" was given by the Hammond Auxiliary. Special music was rendered by Misses Sadie Kirth and Nellie May Bonnecarre. A talk "The Rewards of Prayer" by Miss Emma Elliott of Hammond closed this most profitable meeting.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Ernest Moore, Malvina, Miss.

A group of distinguished and interested people visited Clarksdale the week of May 6th. Miss Louise Young and her class in Sociology at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., came to study the rural conditions of Coahoma County. Seventeen young women, among them missionaries from Cuba, Brazil, Argentine and India; Rev. Russell Miller, under appointment to Brazil and Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Barnett, members of the faculty of Scarritt, were guests in the homes of friends in Sherard and Clarksdale. They drove from Nashville, arriving in Clarksdale Saturday evening in time for a buffet supper at the Methodist church.

At 8 o'clock Saturday evening a group meeting was held at the church. Representatives from the County Health Unit, the Carnegie Library, the Home Economic and Demonstration agencies, and the W. P. A. Adult Educational Supervisor discussed the services of these agencies in the rural sections of the County. Full discussion was participated in by those present. The visitors seemed greatly impressed with the splendid work being done for schools and community centers in the County.

Sunday morning several of the missionaries spoke to groups in the Clarksdale Methodist church and at Sherard. Among the interesting speakers was Miss Constance Rumbough, with the Emergency Peace Commission, who addressed the congregation at Sherard Sunday morning and the congregation at Clarksdale Sunday evening. Others of the group visited the Cooperative Farm at Hillhouse, Miss.

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, Conference vice president, and Mrs. H. L. Talbert, Conference president, were hostesses to a buffet luncheon Sunday at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Ratliff at Sherard.

Monday morning was spent visiting the large plantations in the County, among them the plantation of King & Anderson, when Mr. E. L. Anderson was host to the visitors at his plantation and to view the fine levee system in this section. Another interesting feature was a visit to the Negro Agricultural High School located near Clarksdale, and to the Negro town of Mound Bayou, one of the few Negro incorporated towns in the South.

The visitors were generous in their expressions of appreciation of the splendid facilities available to rural people and of the beautiful Delta country. They returned to Nashville by way of Pickwick Dam and the Government Rehabilitation work in Tennessee.

STATEMENT OF GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK

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and crisis. In other words, a man's life may be sacrificed, his person held in bondage, but his faith and spirit can never be restrained. This is due to the confidence brought about by faith.

"On this Good Friday these reflections are ours. For such is the importance of faith in revolution and faith in religion.

"What I have just said represents my spiritual conception of Good Friday, interspersed with a few facts out of my own experiences. I offer them as testimony and not in any sense to exalt my own worthiness and achievements. I take this opportunity to extend my greetings and to express my thanks to Christians everywhere for their earnest and continued prayers in my behalf."

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WHEREAS, in the passing of our friend and co-worker, Mrs. C. C. Miller from this earthly life on Aprli 26, 1937. the Belen Methodist Church, Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society have lost a most faithful member and,

WHEREAS, the life and influence of Mrs. Miller upon the membership of our organizations and upon the community in which she lived was too great to be recorded in any feeble attempt by us, and her life aside from her family duties was given to the church through all its organizations and for years she served as an officer in the missionary society, steward of the church, Sunday school teacher and gave to them her Christian optimism and enthusiasm,

AND WHEREAS, because of the faithful discharge of the duties, committed by her hands, and by the constant devoted Christian life which she lived day by day, she was loved and honored by all who knew her and became a real inspiration to all of us who worked with her; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we perpetuate the memory of this beloved friend by recalling her deeds of faith and loyal service from time to time to the members of our church, Sunday school and missionary society, that we feel a deep sense of personal and community loss in her going away.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be passed in the minutes of our church organizations and that a copy be mailed to her husband and children with the prayer that the gracious Lord will comfort them with the comfort wherewith He comforts His people.

W. W. Milligan, Pastor
Galloway McKibben, Supt. Sunday School
Mrs. M. M. Gibson, Board of Stewards
Mrs. J. J. Alder, Pres. Missionary Society

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to summon Brother Edward Everett Stodghill to the higher life, and

Whereas, Brother Stodghill was a consecrated member of the Rayville Methodist church, and chairman and member of this Board of Stewards for many years, and

Whereas, the members of this official Board wish to convey their expression of sympathy and condolence to the family, and to give public expression to the service of this devout Christian; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Board of Stewards of the Rayville Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in regular session convened, That though bowing to the will of Him who knows best, we remember with deep affection the service of love rendered by our departed brother to his church, and we deplore his passing from our ranks. His place is vacant, his counsel and assistance will be missed, but the example of his life and Christian faith will ever be an inspiration to each of us.

Be it further resolved, That we do most affectionately and sincerely tender our sympathy and condolence to the members of his family, and would have them know in this hour of bereavement that our thoughts and hearts are with them and in a measure share their loss.

Be it further resolved, That copies of this resolution be furnished the members of Brother Stodghill's family, a copy be sent to the New Orleans Christian Advocate and to the Richland Beacon-News.

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*Belcher-Gilliam—A. M. Shaw	11
*Bossier City—L. W. Smart	13
*Coushatta—R. H. Staples	23
*Grand Cane—A. R. Hoffpauir	14
Hall Summit—T. D. Lipscomb	6
*Mansfield—J. J. Rasmussen	26
*Mooringsport-Oil City—D. F. Anders	16
Pelican—F. C. Collins	1
Plain Dealing—P. B. McCullen	25
Shreveport, First Church—Dana Dawson	123
*Noel Memorial—C. M. Crowe	66
*Parke Avenue—R. T. Ware	21
*Wynn Memorial—E. L. Chaney	8
*Vivian—C. E. McLean	22
Total	375

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Brookhaven District

R. H. Clegg, P. E.	2
Adams—L. T. Nelson	3
Foxworth—D. W. Ulmer	3
Georgetown—Percy Vaughan	3
Hazlehurst—C. W. Crisler	1
McComb, Centenary—Otto Porter	2
McComb, LaBranch—L. P. Anders	1
Meadville and Bude—A. S. Oliver	12
Prentiss—L. L. Roberts	6
Wesson—H. L. Daniels	2
District Conference	6
Total	41

Hattiesburg District

W. B. Alsworth, P. E.	
*Bay Springs—E. A. King	21
Bonhomie—R. E. Rutledge	5
Bucatunna—W. M. Tabb	1
Collins—J. D. Slay	9
*Ellisville—G. H. Jones	17
*Hattiesburg, Broad Street & Mission—T. O. Prewitt	49
Hattiesburg, Court Street—J. W. Sells	23
Heidelberg—M. M. Black	10
Laurel, First Church—J. F. Campbell	22
Kingston—R. A. Allums	8
West Laurel—Phil H. Grice	8
*Magee—H. C. Castle	16
Matherville—L. R. Shumaker	1
Montrose—W. L. Blackwell	1
*Mt. Olive—J. L. Sells	15
*New Augusta—Seth W. Granberry	13
*Richton—L. D. Haughton	14
*Seminary—J. B. King	20
Shubuta—E. A. Kelly	7
*Sumrall and Advance—L. M. Reeves	10
Taylorsville—Andrew Gallman	6
Waynesboro—J. T. Weems	9
Waynesboro Circuit—J. W. Loudenslager	11
District Conference	15
Total	302

Jackson District

T. M. Brownlee, P. E.	
Brandon & Pelahatchie—J. E. Williams	5
Camden—D. P. Yeager	2
Canton—C. W. Wesley	14
Fannin—R. E. Case	8
Flora and Bentonia—B. H. Williams	2
Forest—W. M. Sullivan	7
Harperville—W. F. Baggett	2
Homewood—H. S. Westbrook	5
Jackson, Capitol Street—B. M. Hunt	19
Glendale—J. A. Wells	1
Grace—J. H. Jolly	7
Millsaps Memorial—M. L. McCormick	8
Lake—J. H. Grice	3
Lena—E. W. Ulmer	1
Madison and Pocahontas—J. H. Morrow	1
Mendenhall and D'Lo—H. E. Raley	5
Morton—C. H. Gunn	2
Terry—T. M. Ainsworth	3
Vaughan—A. J. Beasley	1
Total	96

Meridian District

W. B. Jones, P. E.	
Chunky—G. G. Yeager	5½
*Daleville—J. C. Jackson	17
Decatur and Hickory—H. J. Moore	2
DeKalk—Murray Cox	18
DeSoto—T. R. Holt	8
Enterprise and Stonewall—T. E. Nicholson	12
*Lauderdale & Electric Mills—E. D. Simpson	11
Meridian, Central—Joseph A. Smith	26
East End—O. S. Lewis	21
Hawkins Memorial—Roy Wolfe	5
Poplar Springs—R. L. Walton	6
Newton—M. K. Miller	7
Pachuta—W. J. Walters	11
*Philadelphia—C. C. Clark	29
Philadelphia Circuit—W. C. M. Baggett	7
Porterville—W. C. Black	1
Rose Hill—G. A. Broadus	4
Scooba—S. C. Moody	3
*Quitman—V. G. Clifford	32
District Conference	7½
Total	233

Seashore District

L. J. Power, P. E.	
*Bay St. Louis—A. J. Boyles	10
Biloxi, Epworth-Wesley—Swope Noblin	2
Brooklyn and Bond—E. M. Lane	4
Coalville—B. M. Lawrence	1
Escatawpa—A. S. Byrd	1
Gulfport, First Church—Carroll Varner	1
Logtown—F. S. Flurry	1
*Lucedale—W. H. Lewis	16
Mentorum—R. I. Moore	1
Moss Point—L. E. Alford	3
Purvis—G. E. Allan	5
Saucier—D. E. Vickers	2
Vancleave—P. Olia Nix	5
Wiggins—D. T. Ridgway	1
District Conference	8
Total	61

Vicksburg District

H. A. Gatlin, P. E.	
Centerville—W. A. Terry	1
Edwards—F. L. Applewhite	9
*Fayette—J. M. Corley	16
Gloster—C. H. Strait	6
Lorman—A. W. Wilson	1
Louise & Holly Bluff—L. J. Snelgrove	1
Natchez—C. A. Schultz	6
Nebo—J. A. McRaney	1
Rolling Fork and Cary—P. H. Grice	7
Satartia—F. J. Jones	4
Vickeburg, Gibson Memorial—J. V. Bennett	10
Washington—F. B. Ormond	2
District Conference	10
Total	74

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Aberdeen District

W. P. Buhrman, P. E.	
Aberdeen—V. C. Curtis (pastor who is ill assures us of his quota)	1
Algoma—G. B. Love	2
*Calhoun City—T. W. Lewis	17
Coffeville—J. B. Conner	1
Eupora—J. M. Guinn	1
Greenwood Springs—T. F. Sartain	4
Houlka—E. M. Shaw	3
Houston—W. J. Dawson	2
Nettleton—W. W. Bruner	1
Pontotoc—C. M. Chapman	4
Okolona—W. L. Storment	1
Prairie & Strongs—W. D. Smith	1
Shannon—H. D. Suydam	4
Toccopola—J. A. Biffle	1
Tupelo—H. F. Brooks	2
Verona—C. A. Northington	14
Water Valley, Main,—W. M. Jones	3
Total	62

Columbus District

L. P. Wasson, P. E.	
*Ackerman—A. Y. Brown	10
Artesia—W. R. Crouch	7
Brooksville—R. P. Neblett	1
Caledonia—T. W. Smallwood	1
Columbus, First—E. Nash Broyles	1
Crawford—W. M. Hester	6
Durant—E. S. Lewis	2
Kosciusko—T. E. Gregory	3
Noxapater—J. S. Maxey	2
Shuqualak—B. F. Bullard	2
West Point—J. H. Holder	1
Weir & McCool—S. W. Hemphill	1
Total	37

Corinth District

J. D. Wroten, P. E.	1
Baldwin—W. C. McCay	6
Blue Mountain—W. R. Liming	2
Chalybeate—N. N. Maxey	3
Corinth Circuit—W. P. Bailey	1
Dumas—J. N. Humphrey	1
Hickory Flat—D. R. McDougal	2
Holly Springs—T. M. Bradley	10
Iuka—S. E. Ashmore	1
Mooreville—M. E. Armstrong	3
Myrtle—L. M. James	4
Oxford—W. R. Lott	1
Waterford—Travis Filgo	1
Total	36

Greenville District

J. R. Countiss, P. E.	2
Clarksdale—J. E. Stephens	3
Cleveland—J. J. Baird	3
Dubbs—W. R. Goudelock	1
*Dublin & Mattson—G. A. Baker	4
Greenville—J. W. Ward	2
Indianola—W. N. Duncan	2½
Leland—R. G. Moore	2
Tunica—R. G. Lord	10
Total	29½

Greenwood District

A. T. McIlwain, P. E.	2
Acona—G. W. Robertson	2
Belzoni—W. B. Baker	11
Carrollton—L. C. Lawhon	1
Drew—T. B. Thrower	1
Duck Hill—S. B. Potts	3
Greenwood, First—S. H. Caffey	2
Inverness & Isola—S. A. Brown	2
Itta Bena—G. H. Boyles	1
Kilmichael—W. O. Hunt	2
Moorehead—J. R. Murff	7
Swiftown—A. W. Bailey	½
Tutwiler—R. T. Hollingsworth	3
Vaiden & West—J. C. Wasson	2
Webb & Sumner—J. W. York	2
Winona—W. H. Mounger	
Total	41½

Sardis-Grenada District

C. T. Floyd, P. E.	3
Charleston—H. P. Lewis	1
Coldwater—G. R. Williams	8
*Como—Seamon Rhea	6
Grenada—C. A. Parks	13
*Hernando—W. L. Robinson	1
Holcomb—J. W. Gibson	2
Lake Cormorant—E. C. Driskell	1
Lambert & Crowder—M. H. McCormack, Jr.	2
Marks-Belen-Darling—W. W. Milligan	
Total	37